



Mickey Gordon, '39, passes away

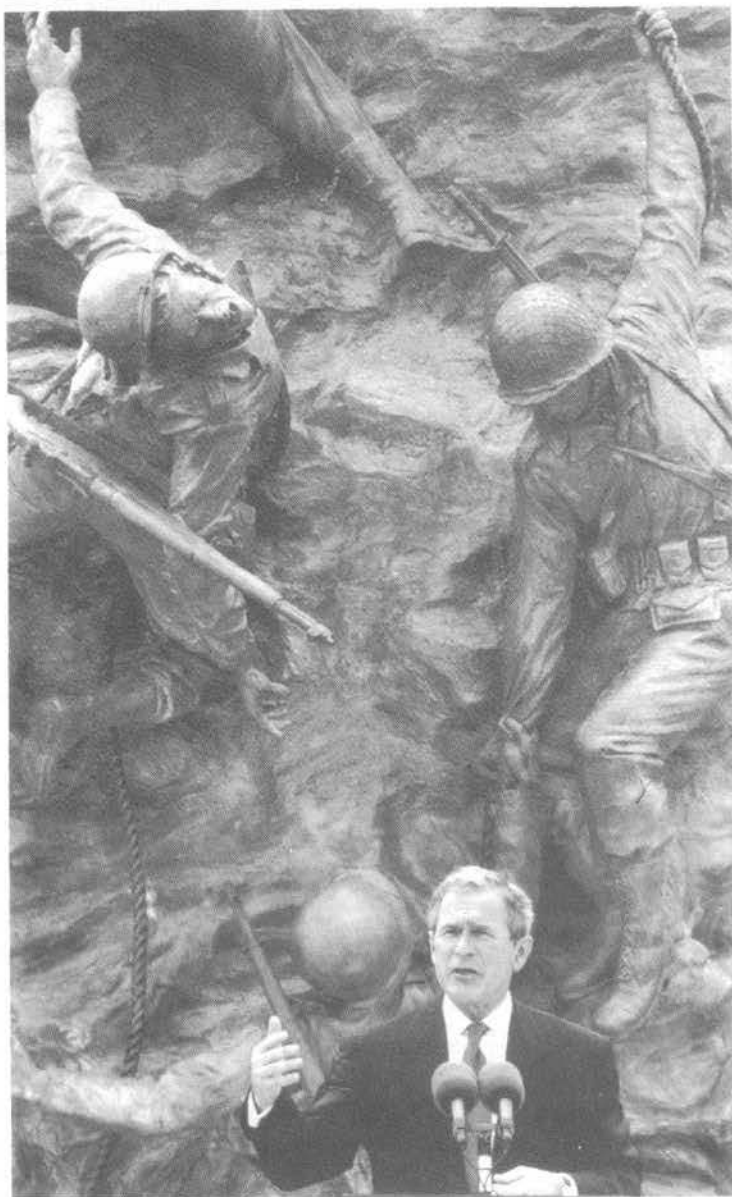
Faithful alumnus Marvin E. "Mickey" Gordon has died at age 79. Details on page 3.

President Bush was on hand to dedicate the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA last year.

Augusta alumni and friends will visit the Memorial during Reunion 2002, a reunion dedicated to all AMA alumni who are veterans of World War II.

Here, right, the President stands before a statue of Rangers scaling the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc.

Bedford suffered the highest per capita loss of life of any community in all the United States on D-Day. Of 35 Bedford men who landed on Omaha Beach, 21 were killed or mortally wounded.



Reunion 2002: something for everyone!

Seeing old friends! Visiting the D-Day Memorial, above! Playing golf or tennis! Great music and dancing! World War II equipment on display! Shooting clays! Enjoying the Shenandoah Valley! There truly is **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE** at Reunion 2002. This issue of *The Bayonet* is a last look at this wonderful event. Return the BLUE registration form enclosed! See you in May!

**Special Pull-Out
Section on AMA's
World War II heroes**



**All the news
about
REUNION 2002**



Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

Winter 2002



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

We're in the final planning stages for the May 2002 reunion. **Frank Williamson, '60**, Vice President of the AMA Alumni Association and Reunion 2002 Chair, says this will be the best reunion ever. Send in your registration today! Be sure to sign up for the trip to the WW II D-Day Memorial in Bedford on Friday, or play golf or tennis or shoot clays in organized events. **Julian Quarles, '35**, the Saturday speaker will convey a sense of pride and respect to our weekend festivities (including a fly over) and the Founders Day events will be special as always.

Recently, the Board passed a resolution thanking Liz Hash for her tireless efforts at the Alumni House/Museum. Please join us and let Liz know how much you appreciate her assistance when you see her in May.

Also, during the Board meeting we voted to move forward with the installation of more than \$8,000 in interstate highway signs telling the 1.2 million motorists who pass by our I-81 exits each month, *We have an Alumni House/Museum*. Why a Board vote, you ask? The Virginia Department of Transportation requires that we keep the Alumni House/Museum open six hours a day for six days a week, year round, or we'll lose the signs and never have the opportunity to have them installed again. We struggle now to keep the House open *four* days a week, so we have formed a five person committee (**Tommy Simmons, '53, Gordon Metz, '68, Bill Scarborough, '69, Steve Trent, '70** and Liz Hash). The committee's job is to see that an alumnus mans the House during those hours. You'll be called on to pull duty at the House. When your dates are selected, you'll receive a three-ring binder telling you all about the House, the history of AMA, the details about what is in the Museum, etc. We also have secured a special hotel rate at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center for AMA alumni. Call (540/248-3007) and schedule your time today... please.

Many alumni and their spouses spend countless hours doing things for the AMA Alumni House/Museum. We are grateful for and appreciate their work, which is performed unselfishly... because it has to be done... not because they seek attention or gratification. Please help with your contribution of time and means.

If you are one of those alumni who have the excuse that you can't find the time to help or you simply haven't done your part for the Alumni Association, the time is here to step up and get actively involved.

As I reflect on this year's theme *Over There*, I am overwhelmed at how blessed this Nation is and thankful that her sons and daughters fought, achieved and have protected our independence. I look forward to joining you at this year's reunion as we thank our alumni who served and survived World War II, and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can revere our freedoms. See you in May!

Garry Granger, '71

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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The center section of this issue is a tribute to all AMA alumni who were in uniform during World War II. The section is designed to be pulled out and kept, if you wish to do so.

From now through 2005, every day will be the 60th anniversary of some World War II event. We will continue to look for stories about AMA alumni and faculty who served in the War. Help us accumulate these stories, if you can.

Mickey Gordon, '39, faithful alumnus, succumbs just six months after wife

Marvin E. "Mickey" Gordon, '39, who attended every alumni reunion from the founding of the AMA Alumni Association in 1970 through Reunion 2001, passed away 31 January after a two year battle with cancer. He was 79. After a funeral service, he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 20 February next to his wife, Libby, who had died last June, also from cancer.

Flags at the AMA Alumni House/Museum flew at half staff for three days.

Gordon served as the second President of the Alumni Association in 1971-74 following the death in a plane crash of **Parker Ward, '54**, the first president. The Gordons supported the alumni association in myriad ways from accepting leadership roles to funding major parts of the AMA Alumni House/Museum. They were nearly always the first to register for an AMA event and the first to contribute to an AMA cause. In recent years, they made substantial contributions to AMA's VMI Scholarship Fund.

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, said, *"Mickey never met a stranger. He was dependable because he was at every meeting and every reunion. He was accountable because he was always there to donate his time, energy and money. He was patriotic as he was sure to speak proudly about the USA and his Marine Corps. We will miss Mickey and Libby and wish for them eternity together."*

The Gordons had lived in a house called "The Hayloft" near the Stone Church since 1972. Gordon was a native of Washington, D.C. and served as 1st Sergeant of B Company in his senior year at AMA. He went to the University of Virginia where he received a BA in economics in the midst of World War II. Mickey became a Marine and served in the Parachute Air Delivery Section, participating in the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa, attached to the 1st Marine Division. His unit received the Presidential Unit Citation for each engagement.

It was not difficult to get Mickey excited about anything relating to the United States Marine Corps! He was a life member of the 1st Marine Division Association, Marines' Memorial Club, the Marine Corps Association, and a director of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. He also was a board member of the Association of Survivors of Marine Parachute Units of World War II.

The war over, Gordon joined Robert C. Jones and Company in Washington in 1948. In 1957, he became a general partner in Jones Kreeger Company which was a successor to Jones and Company. In 1982, Kreeger merged into Advest, Inc. where Mickey worked as an investment advisor until his death.

He was President of the Bond Club of Washington and a charter member of the International Association of Financial Planners. Gordon was President and a life member of the Navy League of the Shenandoah Valley. He was President of AMVETS, Post 13, Washington, a plank owner of the *USS Shenandoah*, and a member of the Army and Navy and City Tavern Clubs in Washington, and of the Kiwanis Club in Staunton.

A sports enthusiast, Gordon was an Associate Member of NFL Alumni and a member of the Touchdown Club. He and Libby had

season tickets for all the home Washington Redskin games.

At AMA, he had managed the Peep football team and was on the fencing team.

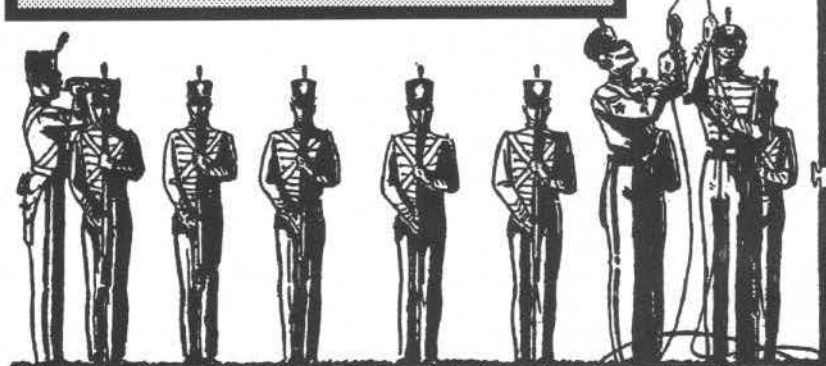
Mickey was consistently on the Honor Roll at AMA, a member of the Honor Committee, and was voted into *Ad Astra per Aspera* in his senior year.

Mickey Gordon's love for Augusta Military Academy may never be equalled.



Mickey Gordon ☆ 1922-2002

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the AMA Alumni Foundation, Box 100, Fort Defiance 24437.



Remembering Mickey...

I had been out of touch with AMA for 25 years and came back to my first reunion in 1996. This little guy who looked like a stand-in for Mickey Rooney came up to me with a grin half as big as he was, and says, "Hi, Steve. I'm Mickey Gordon. Welcome back to Augusta." I felt like I had never left.

Maybe it was his magic. Maybe it was those pants! Maybe it was the spirit and light in his eyes. Maybe it was knowing he stood with the Alumni Association when it was nothing, believing, and building it into something. Mickey Gordon is AMA to me.

Steve Pearson, '72
Bradenton, FL

Reunions ain't gonna be the same. Thanks, Mickey. You were the master. Only my ties stood out from your pants!

Rick Ellett, '72
Moneta, VA

All the sons of Augusta recognize what Mickey has meant to AMA. However, I think he would prefer to be remembered for what Augusta meant to him. What more can you say about a former cadet with a fine career who moves where he truly felt at home, right next door to the school he loved. I am sure that Mickey is working hard in Heaven getting our departed alumni together for a reunion.

So long, good friend.

Jorge Roviroso, '70
Miami, FL

Truly, the end of an era at AMA. I'm sure he is with Libby as we now remember their lives. God bless them.

Rick Welch, '67
Fairfax, VA

I was so very sorry to hear about Mickey. We have lost a good one, and AMA has lost a true friend.

Leonard Salasky, '43
Sacramento, CA

When I was in one of my previous

avocations, the funeral business, we had a bit of black humor. They would say if "he" goes first, she will live forever, but if "she" goes first, offer a discount on two caskets because you'll need the other within a year. There should be an exception to this rule for folks like Mickey, but that would be selfish of us. God bless him.

Hugh Harmon, '58
Leesburg, VA



Mickey Gordon, '39, right, with the late Sam Wales, '35, at a planning meeting for the 1971 reunion.

I was sad to hear of Mickey's passing and so close to the death of his wife. I imagine they are now holding hands and walking among the clouds. Perhaps we should have an annual award which will carry Mickey's name. Oh, we will miss him so.

Ed Chauncey, '49
Culpeper, VA

Sad, sad news. Mickey defined the Ad Astra spirit. His character embodied all AMA could do for an individual. We have lost a true and enduring friend.

Manuel Balbis, '54
Miami, FL

I'm going to miss those rainbow colored pants!

Bob Walker, '75
Union City, TN

I recall that Mickey came back to every reunion. Some may have thought to themselves, "Who is this

man?" But to me, he was a man who loved our school, what it stood for and what it did for the people who entered there.

He can rest knowing that he is now with all the others we have lost through the years. I can just picture him avoiding Hoover, and telling his stories. God bless a great man.

Steve McAdams, '76
Kansas City, MO

God rest his soul! We will remember Mickey as long as there is an alumni association. I met him my first year at AMA and even though he was an alumnus, he raised hell with us new cadets. A very funny man who will be missed.

Chris Harrison, '43
Chestertown, MD

I never met Mickey, but I know how much he and his wife gave to AMA. We will all miss this devoted man whether or not we ever met him.

Bob Guggenheimer, '43
Madrid, Spain

As a cadet in the early '70's, I remember seeing Mickey Gordon frequently. It was as if he were the alumni association. There weren't many active alumni then, but there were a few who always showed up: the late **Seymour Wilks, '48**, **Gordon Metz, '68**, and, of course, Mickey Gordon.

His devotion to AMA even outshone his flashy clothes! We will miss his unselfish devotion to Augusta

Brett Thompson, '75
Oak Island, NC

I met Mickey Gordon only once and found him to be very personable. I am sorry that he is no longer with us. It's sad that we have to go through this.

Tommy Clements, '50
Jackson, MS

Somehow, I never got to know Mickey while I was at AMA. I do remember him, and as a supporter of and a generous donor to AMA, he did us all proud.

We will miss him, that's for sure.

Bill Welte, '38
Gales Ferry, CT



Clockwise from upper left: Mickey at the dedication of the Jack Manch Room at the Shenandoah Valley Airport, 1996; speaking at the reunion banquet, 1997; a visit with Bob Bradford, '50, in San Francisco, 1992; with Clyde Ramsey, '49, outside the AMA Museum, 1999; Ben Chiswell, '32, and Mickey at Reunion 1998; speaking at Founder's Day, 1995, as Gary Nicholson, '70, looks on; at Arlington National Cemetery with Hilton Roller Grasty, Colonel Tom Roller's daughter, 1997.



Don't be disappointed. Make your hotel reservations NOW!

James Madison University has its commencement exercises the weekend of our reunion, and hotel rooms will be hard to find.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center

\$78 a night + tax
1/800/932-9061 or 540/248-6020

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Best Inn

\$65 a night + tax
540/248-5111

The two hotels listed, above, are at
Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275

OTHER AREA HOTELS

Ingleside Hotel, still on Route 11
1/800/556-8585 or 540/248-1201

Comfort Inn, Route 250 West
1/800/228-5150 or 540/886-5000

Hampton Inn, Route 11 South
1/800/426-7866 or 540/886-7000

Shoney's Inn, Route 250 East
1/800/552-4667 or 540/885-3117

Super 8 Motel, Route 250 East
1/800/800-8000 or 540/886-2888

EconoLodge, Route 250 East
1/800/553-2666 or 540/885-5158

Ramada Inn, Verona
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Microtel, Route 250 East
1/877/877-8439 or 540/887-0200

Best Western, Route 250 East
1/800/752-9471 or 540/248-885-1112

Sleep Inn, Route 50 East
1/800/488-8750 or 540/887-6500

**AMA does NOT make hotel
reservations. Make your
reservations early, and
BE SURE TO ASK FOR
SPECIAL AMA RATES!**

The Tentative Schedule for Reunion 2002

THURSDAY 2 MAY

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
Continuing exhibit - AMA honors its
veterans of World War II

Noon-4 PM Early Bird registration
PX open
Holiday Inn

Noon-1 PM Casual golf tee times
Ingleside Country Club

5:00-7:00 PM Early Bird Reception
Staunton Country Club

7:30 PM Hospitality Room reopens
Hospitality Tent

FRIDAY 3 MAY

9:00 AM-6:30 PM Registration
PX and Hospitality Tent open

8:30 AM Golfers register/photos made
Ingleside Country Club

9:00 AM Tour of D-Day Memorial
Bedford, Virginia by motor coach
NOTE: LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE!
Sign up when you send in the
blue registration form!

9:30 AM AMA Open Golf Tournament
Ingleside Country Club

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

1:00 PM AMA Tennis Tournament
Staunton Country Club

5:30-6:30 PM AMA Reception
Hospitality Tent
Attire: Coat and tie

7:00 PM Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms
Cash bar open at 7
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
Dinner served at 7:30 PM

9:00 PM Hospitality Tent reopens

SATURDAY 4 MAY

7:30 AM USO Canteen
Hospitality Tent
Class photos/class meetings

9:00 AM Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Tribute to WW II veterans
Display of military equipment
Flyover by World War II aircraft
Parade Grounds at AMA

12:15 PM Luncheon featuring
Julian Quarles, '35, in a
continuing tribute to AMA's
veterans of World War II

2:00 PM Founders Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery
*(In case of rain, ceremonies
will be held in the church)*

2:30 PM Alumni House/Museum open

3:00 PM Sporting clays shoot
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg

4:30 PM Alumni House/Museum closes

5:00 PM Informal Kentucky Derby party
Mint juleps
Hospitality Tent

6:00 PM Tequila Sunset Party
Tequila shooters
Hospitality Tent

7:15 PM until Barbecue and dance
Disc jockey
Hospitality Tent

SUNDAY 5 MAY

9:00 AM Prayer breakfast
Coach Bill Ralph
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Sunday Service
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church



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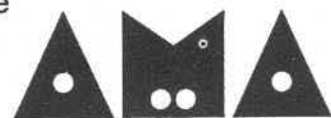
Alumni Reunion will be a Star-Spangled event with gratitude to AMA's alumni who saved Western Civilization 60 years ago in World War II and with fervent thanks to the American men and women who are fighting evil and terrorism today.

The focus of Reunion 2002 will be our veterans of World War II. AMA made an unbelievable sacrifice in that conflict with 52 of her boys killed in action. When you compare that to the 42 members of the 1942 graduating class, it gives you a measure of AMA's contribution to the cause of freedom.

Part of the special tribute to our veterans of World War II will be a magnificent display of **World War II vehicles** and equipment on the Drill Field. Weather permitting, there will be a **flyover**. A special visit to the **D-Day Memorial** in Bedford is scheduled and a speaker of note will bring a message to all of us at our Saturday luncheon. While we want to go "all out" in welcoming back to AMA our heroes of WW II, we will also have plenty to do for everyone else!

Of course, the primary reason most of us come to a reunion is to reconnect with old friends, and there will be many opportunities to do just that. The **Hospitality Tent** will be open from Thursday midday until Sunday morning with an **Early Bird Reception** at the Staunton Country Club on Thursday. The **PX** will be open just inside the door to our **Headquarters Hotel, the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center**.

There will be **Golf** on Friday morning and **Tennis** Friday afternoon. The Awards Banquet on Friday night will give us a chance to meet the 2002 **AMA Medal** winners and to present the **AMA Legacy Scholarships** to three very deserving young people.



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In the spirit of World War II, we'll have a **USO**

Canteen breakfast on Saturday. The **AMA Alumni Board** will meet followed by the annual membership meeting. The military equipment display on the campus and the lunch in the gym will give us a chance to see the latest additions to the **AMA Museum**, including a new WW II display.

Founders Day ceremonies will be held in the Stone Church Cemetery (in the church if it rains) and the annual **Sporting Clay Shoot** will take place in Harrisonburg. Then, there will be a **Kentucky Derby Party** followed by a **Tequila Sunset Party**, both under the Big Top.

All through the day, the annual **Silent Auction** will be going on with winners announced at the **Barbecue and Dance** which concludes Saturday's activities. On Sunday morning, **Coach Bill Ralph** will have his annual **Prayer Breakfast**.

"Something for everybody" may be an overused phrase, but it certainly fits here. Register **today** for the most exciting AMA reunion ever!



SIGN UP NOW FOR THE

THE 2002 AMA GOLF OPEN



Can you help us get "goodies" for the players?

Each year, we have been able to obtain some very nice prizes for the players.

We're looking for caps, balls, golf tees, towels, umbrellas and such. We'll also take cash!

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Limit, 2 per player

FEES: \$75 per person includes green fees,
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Ingleside Country Club
Friday 3 May at 9:30 AM

Deadline to enter: 15 April

SHOTGUN START

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THE 2002 AMA GOLF OPEN SIGN-UP

Your name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

Handicap, or last three scores _____

☐ I'll play with anyone ☐ Team me with _____ Class _____

☐ We have a foursome _____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

Make check to: AMA Alumni Association
Mail form to: GOLF, c/o AMA Alumni Association
(Photocopy OK) P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

During Reunion 2002

A visit to the D-Day Memorial

President Bush traveled to Bedford, VA this past summer to dedicate the National D-Day Memorial. As part of Reunion 2002, we will offer a trip to the memorial on Friday 3 May.



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When you register for the reunion, be sure to indicate if you will be going on this trip to honor those brave Americans who invaded Hitler's Europe on the 6th of June 1944. You will never forget this experience.

**Are you not able to walk far,
or not able to walk at all?**

The National D-Day Memorial has golf carts to help you get around!

Not only that, but our friend, Bob Hume, '63, is providing a luxury motor coach that will accommodate wheelchairs. Thanks so very much, Bob!

When you send in your blue registration form, let us know that you want to ride on the bus that will transport your wheelchair, or that you will need a golf cart when you get to Bedford.

Travel with other AMA alumni and friends to the National D-Day Memorial on Friday 3 May during Reunion 2002!



WHY WAS THE MEMORIAL BUILT IN VIRGINIA? In 1941, the Virginia National Guard was activated and became the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Division. General Eisenhower selected the 116th to go ashore in the first wave at Omaha Beach, which would be the scene of the bloodiest fighting on D-Day. Virginia lost 797 of her best men and boys on that one day.

WHY WAS THE MEMORIAL BUILT IN BEDFORD? Bedford lost the most men per capita of any American city or town on D-Day. Bedford's National Guard formed A Company of the 116th Infantry. On D-Day, 35 Bedford men hit Omaha Beach. Nineteen of them died in the first 15 minutes of battle, and two more died shortly after of wounds received that day. The loss of 21 men in a community of 3,200 gave Bedford the unenviable highest proportional loss of any American community.

Tales of loss and heroism on D-Day are as innumerable as the grains of sand on the Normandy beaches. *Saving Private Ryan* and other motion pictures attempted to recreate the horror of D-Day, but no one not there can understand what it was like. More than 6,000 Americans died (including three AMA men), yet the day was a successful beginning-of-the-end for Hitler and his fellow war criminals.

Plan now to visit the D-Day Memorial when you attend Reunion 2002. The Victory Arch, a layout of the invasion beaches, flags from all the Allies, and statuary so real and so compelling that your heart will skip a beat. This is a fitting but insufficient tribute not only to those who gave their all on D-Day, but to every man who wore an American uniform in the War.



★ HONOR CLASSES ★

Eight classes will be honored at Reunion 2002

◇ 1932 ◇ 1942 ◇ 1952 ◇ 1962 ◇
◇ 1967 ◇ 1972 ◇ 1977 ◇ 1982 ◇

**THERE ARE CLASS AGENTS FOR
SIX OF THEM**

1942 - Rutland Beard ◇ 1952 - Jim "Shad" White

1962 - Bob Gebeaux ◇ 1967 - Mac McInnis

1972 - Sam Wysong ◇ 1977 - Shawn Ogimachi

Contact your Class Agent to arrange for your class picture
at the USO Canteen on Saturday 4 May



You'll hear music from 1942 at Reunion 2002

Don't be surprised if you hear a lot of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Harry James at Reunion 2002.

The top songs of 1942 will be playing in several venues, a salute to our World War II veterans who went to war 60 years ago with the music of the big bands ringing in their ears. Kay Kyser, Dinah Shore, Alvino Rey and Freddie Slack should bring back memories to folks who were around then. The songs of Sammy Kaye, Kate Smith, Bing Crosby and Judy Garland all will be heard in various places around the reunion.

And at lunch on Saturday, the Fort Defiance High Jazz Band will be playing popular songs from World War II. Bring your dancing shoes! A little jitterbugging never hurt anyone!

Each WW II vet and spouse will get special reunion pin

Red, white and blue enamel pins featuring the AMA World War II logo, right, will be given to every veteran of World War II who registers at Reunion 2002. Their wives will also receive the specially struck pins. When you see someone wearing one of these pins at Reunion 2002, thank them for saving Western Civilization 60 years ago!



Vet photos planned on campus

A huge display of World War II equipment will ring the Bowl in front of Big Barracks on Saturday 4 May, and there, between 11 AM and Noon, we'll take photos of the World War II vets and their families for the next *Bayonet*.

Sporting Clay Shoot scheduled for Reunion 2002

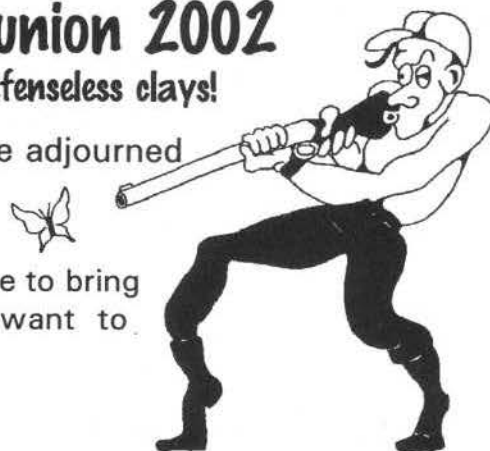
Feeling stressed and aggravated? Take it out on those poor defenseless clays!

For the past few years, fellows attending AMA reunions have adjourned to the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg to try their hand at a sporting clay shoot. They'll do it again this year.

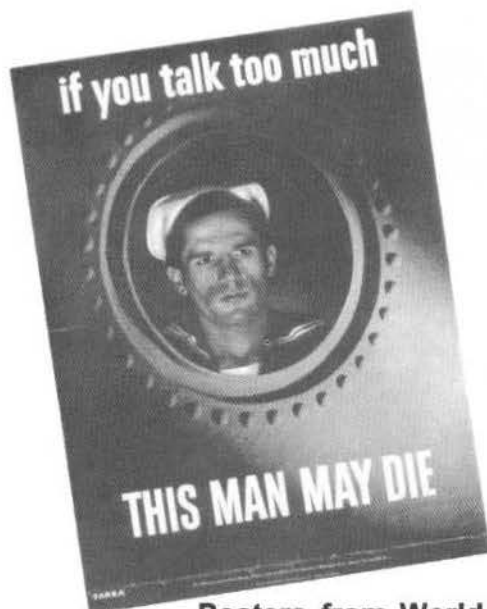
You don't have to be an expert marksman and you don't even have to bring your own gun! Just let **Blaine Clarke, '72**, know that you want to participate. E-mail: HHS.CLARKBL@CO.MO.MD.US, or phone, home, 301/540-6455, or work, 240/777-3582.

Saturday 4 May after Founders Day ceremonies

The Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg



NOTE: Above is the CORRECT information on how to get in touch with Blaine Clarke. We regret that incorrect information appeared in the Reunion 2002 promotional piece.



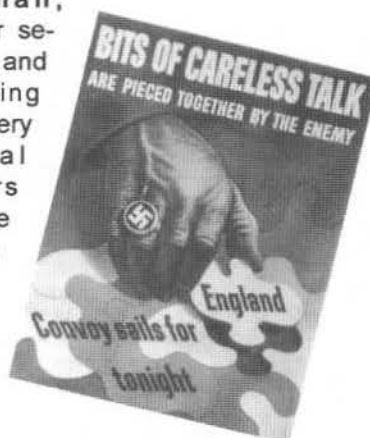
Posters from World

War II will be in evidence all around Reunion 2002. Those of you who were around during the war will remember some of them and all of you doubtless have seen reproductions of Uncle Sam wanting you or a Marine hellbent on making it to Japan.

You'll be able to buy these posters after the reunion is over. They will be great in a den or framed in an office.

See how many you recognize when you register at the reunion. Thanks to **Jerry Wildman,**

'57, for securing and mounting these very special posters for the reunion
!!!!!!!



World War II fighter trainer will buzz Parade Ground at reunion

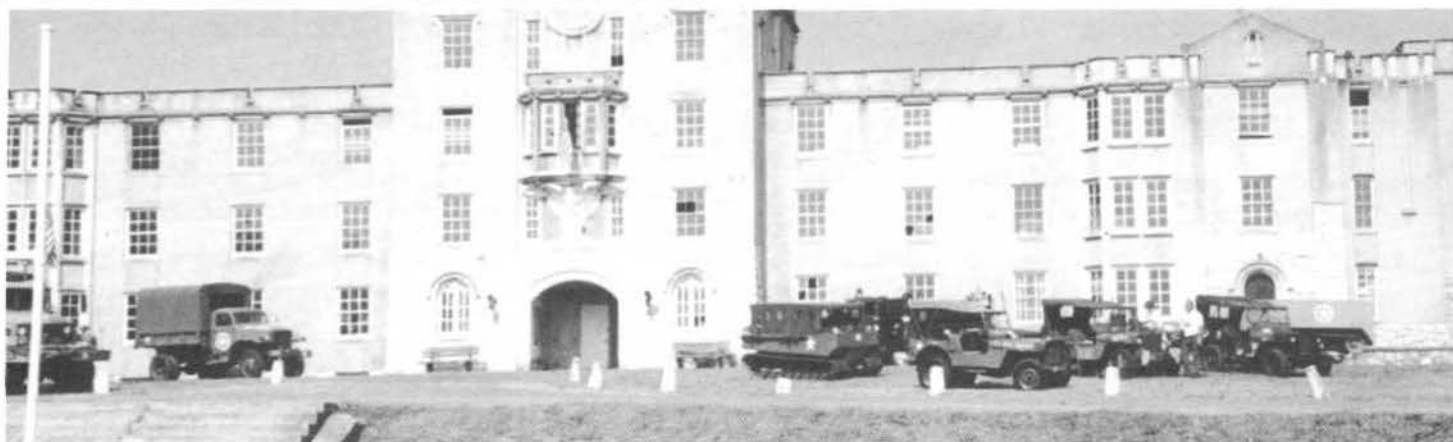
Part of the salute to AMA's World War II veterans will be a flyover by a 1942 North American SNJ-5, a WW II fighter trainer used by both the Navy and the Army. The Army model was known as the AT-6C while the Navy model had the SNJ nomenclature.

The aircraft, based in Winchester, will make several passes over the Parade Ground on Saturday 4 May around 11:30 AM, weather permitting. The 600 horsepower Pratt and Whitney engine moves the stubby yellow aircraft along at 150 miles per hour. The plane is owned and flown by Mark Hutchins whose father was in the 15th Air Force during World War II.



WW II equipment will be on display at Reunion 2002

Military weapons, vehicles and other equipment will be on display during Reunion 2002. Pictured, below, is some of the equipment that was on display for the 2001 AMA Annual Picnic. Twice as much will be at Reunion 2002!





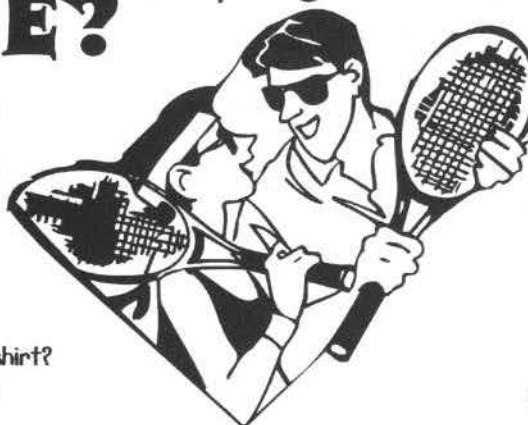
The Fort Defiance High School Jazz Band will salute AMA's veterans of World War II by playing the music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington and Artie Shaw at a luncheon in the AMA Gym during Reunion 2002. The group has an excellent reputation as musicians who are faithful to the song stylists of World War II. The luncheon will be at 12 Noon on Saturday 4 May. Full registration covers the price of the event.

NOTICE! Hotel rooms are going fast for Reunion 2002
If you haven't made a reservation yet, call one of the hotels
on page 6 without delay. Don't be disappointed - CALL NOW!

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1928
(NONE)

Bill Robinson is still pursuing a hobby he began in 1938: flying. He owns and pilots a four-seat Lake Buccaneer amphibious plane in Vero Beach, FL.

1932
(NONE)

Dr. Arthur Glasser lives in Seattle where he and Alice are near their two married daughters. A chaplain in World War II (see story in World War II section), Dr. Glasser was, for five years, a Christian missionary to China and later, a faculty member at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. He is working on a three volume exploration of the history of the Jewish people.

1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)

Tom Roller is now Manager and General Partner of Sunrise Petroleum, an organization which calculates the potential worth of Bureau of Land Management oil and gas leases. He and Dina live in Placentia, CA. Tom has sent the AMA Museum his World War II flying jacket. Thanks, Tom!

Julian Quarles' sister passed away recently. You are in our prayers, Julian.

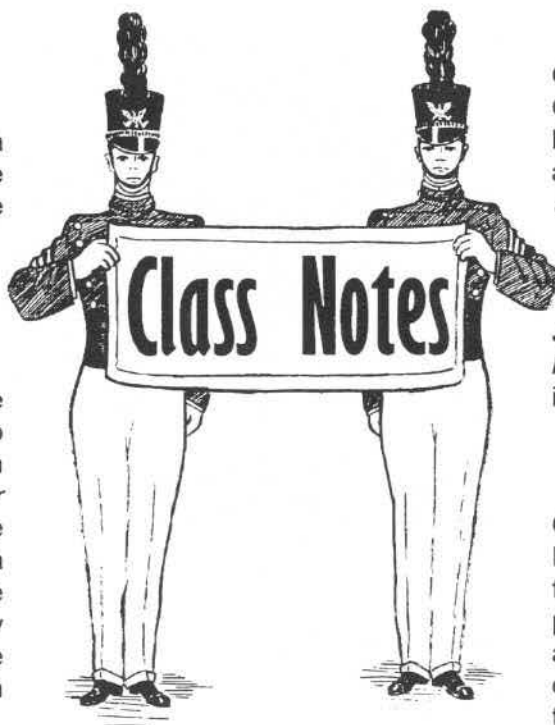
1938
(LARRY KURTZ)

Colonel Bob Reisacher, USA, Ret, is enjoying life in Santa Fe, NM. He recently heard from his old roommate, **George Neal**. We are hoping that they both make it back to Reunion 2002 when AMA will honor its veterans of World War II.

Captain Larry Kurtz, USN, Ret, is Chairman of Communications for the American Red Cross in Punta Gorda, FL. Larry and Jill have two children. (See photo on page 14)

1939
(NONE)

Jim McCausland is a retired real estate broker. He lives in Lynchburg.



Chris Harrison is retired and living in Chestertown, MD. He owned a sign business for many years. His sons and daughters from his first marriage are all grown, and his 24 year old son is an Ensign on a nuclear submarine. And Dad is proud!

Jack Jansing says, "Life continues to be good!" He and his wife, Flora, live in Hobe Sound, FL.

1944
(NONE)

Colonel Jimmy Pigg lives in Shalimar, FL where he has thrice retired: first, from the Army after 29 years, then as president of a construction company, and finally as general manager of a condominium. Jimmy and Nell have three children: Craig, Vicki and Lee.

Jay Brammer's wife is sending his Navy pea coat and other World War II things to the AMA Museum. Thank you! We know that this will help his classmates remember Jay.

1940
(NONE)

Bob Beam still lives in Staunton where he owns the Staunton Steam Laundry. He is Past President of the Staunton Exchange Club and is on the Advisory Board of Sovran Bank.



**Chris Harrison,
Class of '42**

1945
(NONE)

Shorty Long and Nancy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past June. They attended his 50th anniversary reunion at the University of

Virginia in 2001, went to the Northwest in June and July, and to the Arizona mountains in September. The Longs live in Peoria, AZ.

1946
(NONE)

George Snarr retired a few years ago from the practice of law and lives in Winchester with his wife, Margaret. He was in Counter Intelligence during his Army career.

1942
(RUTLAND BEARD)

Ott Heilman and Mary Louise live in Kittanning, PA. He is a retired County Commissioner.

1943
(CHRIS HARRISON)

Judge B. A. "Monk" Davis is enjoying retirement in Rocky Mount, VA. He says that the only thing new around his world is a new area code!

Cal Anderson graduated from the University of Virginia in 1950. That year, he married Sue Smith, and they have two sons: Cal, III, an attorney in Savannah, GA, and J. T. Smith, who is in real estate in Charleston, SC. The Andersons live in High Point, NC.

Norman Freeman says he lives in the geographical center of Texas (Brownwood). You can e-mail Norman at: Normbillie@aol.com

Dr. Bob Lappin is in Palm Beach Gardens, FL for the winter.

1947

(MIKE WELCH)

J. B. Simmons and his Linda live in Tulsa. They have one son, Joseph Coppinger, Linda's son by her first marriage. And they have four grandkids: Cassidy, Caitlin, Joseph and Cheyenne.

Mike Welch had a pretty terrible Year 2000. His oldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was killed in an accident in April. His wife, Noel, passed away in August. And his 99 year old mother died in September. But there was a positive side: *"My newest grandchild, Katelyn, was born on December 30."* That makes 13 grandchildren for Mike who lives in Fairfield, PA. Phone 717/642-5450. Mike is coming to Reunion 2002.

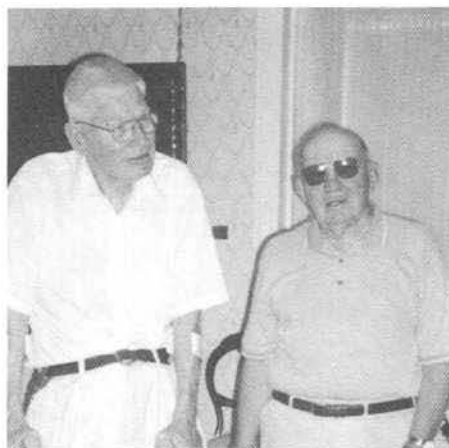
Colonel Sam Conley, USA, Ret, lives in Sierra Vista, AZ and he also plans to come back for Reunion 2002. Sam was the third member of his family to serve in the 1st Division, "The Big Red One." He has a new great grandson, Isaac Bailey, who lives in Baldwin, KS.

Jon Herring has been house-sitting for a friend in Costa Mesa, CA. He has retired as Dean of Men at the University of Virginia.

1948

(BILL HARRIS)

Paul Bratton reports that his son, E7 Mike, who is in the 82nd Airborne, has been graduated from Manscen Academy MP ACOC, Class 4-01, at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and has been assigned to a battalion headquarters at Fort Bragg.



GYM BUILDER - Cecil DePriest and Bill Larner, both from the Class of '43, visit the AMA Museum. Larner's father and grandfather built the AMA gymnasium in 1928.

Bill Harris was deathly ill in December with blood poisoning and congestive heart failure. Luckily, Frances' son, Jim, is a cardiologist in Austin, and he helped restore Big Red to his old self. Glad you are feeling better now, Bill.



Madison McClintic '46, at the AMA Museum.

Hal Walters and Nancy are enjoying their beautiful North Carolina mountain home. They have planted maples, mountain laurel, and daffodils, and have removed more than 100 dead trees. *"Besides the extraordinary scenery and waterfalls here, the musical programs at Brevard College are out of this world!"*

1949

(FRANK SPENCER)

Louis Philhower is Senior Vice President for Investments with Paine-Webber in Macon, GA.

Al Cowell attended Dickinson College for two years before going off to the Korean War. He and Shirley have four children and six grandkids. They live in Bozeman, MD.

Frank Spencer originated the

idea of the \$100 Club to help fund the AMA Alumni House/Museum. *"I hope that folks will get behind this concept so that our museum can continue to flourish,"* he says. Frank and Ida live in Charlottesville.

1950

(JIM LUPTON)

Dick Young and **John Cole** both are hopefully coming back to their first AMA reunion this year. Dick lives in Warrenton and John is just now building a house in Goochland County, 30 miles west of Richmond.

Ed Click and **Sue** visited Chile, Brazil, and Argentina in January, and Ed says if he's good, Sue may take him to Hawaii in May!

1951

(NONE)

Colonel Frank Pilley, USAF, Ret, is now a full-time mathematics professor at George Mason University in Northern Virginia. Maybe winning the AMA Math Medal his senior year pointed him in this direction! Frank is managing the AMA tennis tournament at Reunion 2002.

1952

(JIM "SHAD" WHITE)

Tommy Mitchell and **Connie** live in Staunton. He has retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation.



OLD SALTS - Hal Walters, '48, left, welcomes Larry Kurtz, '38, to Hal's new home in Brevard, NC. Following AMA, both attended the U. S. Naval Academy, graduating ten years apart.

Richard Chichester has moved back to Falmouth, VA to the restored home where he was born and raised. He and Jacqueline welcomed their 7th grandchild on 19 November 2001.

Roger Messick writes from Prescott, AZ, that he and Jean spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law in Cave Creek, AZ. Roger and a partner are building spec homes saying that the real estate market in their area is quite good. Roger is sending to the AMA Museum his 1st Captain's saber and a leather covered program from 1917 showing his Dad's name as a participant in the literary society debates. Thanks, Roger!

Duncan Wong is retired in Panama. He ran a hardware business for many years. He and his wife, Margarita, have three children: Marianela, Analida and Alvaro, and three granddaughters.

**1953
(NONE)**

Lewis Mundin, who had a custom shirt store in Richmond for many years, is now working part-time at Peter-Blair Men's Clothing in the capital city.

Harry Hodges worked as an engineer for 22 years. He is now semi-retired in Albuquerque, NM.

Bob Lowenbach has a new grandchild: Noah. And a new e-mail address: Blownback@aol.com. He lives in Leesburg, VA.

Tommy Simmons lost his brother in January. Sorry to hear about that, Tom. You are in our thoughts.

Oswald "Coyote" Ferro stopped by to see the AMA Museum on a day that it was closed. He was on his way to Florida from Canada.

**1954
(KEN HOKE)**

Jim and Bob Keitges have been tracked down in Canada by T. C. Lea. Bob is in the real estate business and Jim is in trucking in Alberta. Jim was in the Canadian Army and was three



MUSEUM VISITORS - Top, Pete Pappas, '49, and his daughter, Elizabeth; center, Cas Mooring, '50; bottom, Hampton Foley, '53, center, with son, Hampton II, and grandson, Adam Owens.

times the Alberta heavyweight wrestling champion. Bob and Jim both live in Calgary.

Jim Kirtz now lives in Stuarts Draft, just 18 miles from Fort Defiance. After AMA, he had a career in the Air Force and quite a few years in law enforcement. He received a degree in criminology from the University of the District of Columbia and spent five years at the Myrtle Beach International Airport in security. When he retired, he and his wife came back to Virginia. E-mail: philbillie@adelphia.net

Frank Suter lives in Conyers, GA where he sells equipment to food, dairy, poultry, meat and carpet companies. He and Alice Faye have six children.

**1955
(NONE)**

Jack Meier has retired from the printing business. He lives in Fishers, IN.

Roy Pope is also in the printing business. He lives in Bridgewater, VA.

T. C. Lea, Jr. is engaged in the private practice of law in Orange, VA. He has been a District Court Judge in Rappahannock County, the Commonwealth Attorney for Fauquier County, a merchant seaman, an addiction counselor, a real estate agent, and Vice President, Corporate Affairs, of Landbank Equity Corporation. E-mail: tclea@ns.gemlink.com

Bill Johnson and Margaret Louise now have five grandchildren and twins are on the way. Son William has a landscape business in Raleigh; daughter Dr. Martha Chestnutt is in her last year of residency in Greenville, SC; stepson Gil runs a hunting preserve, and daughter Louise lives with her husband, an Army lieutenant colonel, in Peachtree City, GA.

**1956
(NONE)**

Steve Tomasek has retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs. He and Ann live in Millersville, MD.

Elgin Nininger has owned Shady Lane Seafood in Colonial Beach, VA for the past 36 years. He and Betty have



Left, Bill Roberts, '59, visits the Museum; Gerald Dierschow, '60, also at the Museum; Frank Williamson, '60, and the Reverend Jim Lupton, '50, in front of famous St. John's Church in Richmond. Frank has his own historical tour business in Richmond and as he guided 90 people through the church where Patrick Henry gave his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, who should he spot in the crowd but Reverend Jim who had just come from North Carolina on his way to Fort Defiance to volunteer at the AMA Alumni House!; right, Bernie Taylor, '61, visits the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

been married for 39 years. They have two grown sons: Scott, a Vice President of Union Bank and Trust, and Dean, who is in the seafood business with his parents.

Union Securities in Richmond.

Zeke Zehmer is a retired real estate broker who lives in Craddockville in Eastern Virginia. E-mail Zeke at: zeke@intercom.net

Bill Blakely has a new grandchild, Sara. She makes three for Bill and Juliette: Matthew and William are the others. Bill lives at Fort Benning, GA where he is Safety Manager for the Martin Army Hospital.

1957

(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)

Jim Smith is learning all he can about digital photography. He has three grandchildren now which may be the reason for this interest in photography.

1958

(DUKE FANCHER)

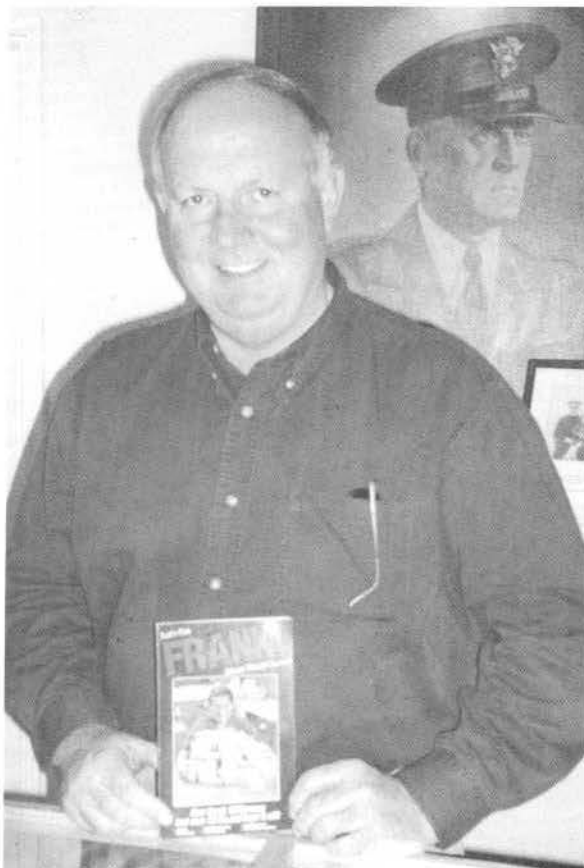
Jim Crass divides his time between Scranton, PA and Paris. He's in the trucking business in Pennsylvania and in the dress business in France. Jim also has a home in Surfside, FL where his three girls and five grandchildren visit. He plays as much golf and tennis as possible and is probably skiing somewhere at this very minute. He'd like to hear from old friends. Call Jim, toll free, at 1/800/338-4221.

Ed Riddle says that he really enjoys *The Bayonet*. Thanks, Ed! He lives in Shawnee, KS.

1959

(LLOYD EASTLACK, DAVE CONRAD & ELLIOTT RIDGE)

Walt Anderson is Manager of the Riverfront Plaza office of First



LET'S GET FRANK - Byrd Newton, '62, has donated to the AMA Museum the weight loss book by Frank Williamson, '60. What else does Frank do, for goodness sake?

Dave Hunt liked the last *Bayonet*. Thanks, Dave! He lives in Oceanside, CA. E-mail Dave at: dwh4153@yahoo.com

1960

(FRANK WILLIAMSON & LUKE SNYDER)

George Holt will soon have six granddaughters and three grandsons with the pending arrival of another little girl. The mother is Noelle who is now 1st Vice President of Smith-Barney Trust in New York City.

Jack Jackson lives in Big Pine Key, FL, and is a jazz drummer for the Paradise Swing Band of Key West.

1961

(JACK STEELE)

Jim Crawford is Sales Director for Nortel Networks (telecommunications equipment) in Atlanta. He and Betty moved to their new home this past June. He and **Mel Hooker**, roommates with **Ed Amendola**, have gotten together in Georgia to talk over old times.

Clay Willcox has had a series of health problems. First, he had prostate cancer, then organ failure brought on by his radiation therapy. He says, "I am feeling reasonably wonderful! The Spirit of AMA prevails with a lot of help from my faith." Even through his illness, he has continued to volunteer as Battalion Communications Chief for the Virginia Defense Force. E-mail: Betsywillcox@yahoo.com

Lowell Tackett left AMA, joined the Marines, and went to Chu Lai, Vietnam in 1966. He returned to civilian life to study accounting at Towson State University. Today, he is a construction foreman in Adingdon, MD.

1962

(BOB GEBEAUX)

Karl Berger was in banking for 35 years in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, but "got fed up when it stopped being fun." He joined his wife's real estate business four years ago "...and Mary and I are very happy... with that decision." The Bergers live in Rhode Island and have a house on a lake in Maine where they hope to retire this summer. Karl had three heart attacks when he was 42, but still is living a full life. The Bergers started a Ronald McDonald House in Providence and he is on the board of the Methodist Retirement Home. You can e-mail Karl at: KBerger821@aol.com

Bob Gebeaux has been traveling around the south-eastern United States in his 5th wheel. After retiring as a Commander in the Navy in 1986, Bob spent nine years living on board his



GRIN AND BEAR IT - Rod Rodriguez, '62, writes from Sweden about his fantastic moose hunting trip about 40 kilometers from the border with Norway. He helped carry one of the big fellows down the mountain. "It was one hell of a job. I was thoroughly whipped..." he says. As you can see in the photo, above, Rod had other animal companionship on his hunt. Fortunately for Rod, this *Ursus horribilis* had already gone to bear heaven!



Tom Blake, '62, and Emmie at the AMA Museum.

37 foot sailboat while traveling as far south as Venezuela and as far east as Bonair. He and his wife, Bonnie, live

in Montross, VA when they're not on the road.

1963

(MIKE BASTO)

Mike Stevens lives in Reston, VA and works for a firm called Transgroup, a worldwide logistics enterprise. Since 11 September, he has been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). E-mail Mike at: ekim02@aol.com

1964

(PHIL MATTSON, KEN EICHNER & DAVID HOLSINGER)

George Beaver lives in Dublin, VA, just outside Radford. He is a self employed real estate appraiser. E-mail him at: gbeaver@i-plus.net

Ben Beard and his family traveled from Pensacola to New Hampshire after Christmas for what has become an annual excursion. Ben is in the U. S. Attorney's office.

Alan Creasy has a new e-mail address: jppgoode@aol.com

Bill Godfrey has moved to a new address in Woodstown, NJ - 118C S Main Street, 08098. His new e-mail: wgodfrey@devereux.org

1966

(NONE)

Barry Weeks is a financial and management consultant. He and Anna, now married 34 years, live in Gray, GA. They have two children and a grandson.

Gordon Bennett is an investigator for the Virginia State Corporation Commission. He had retired as a Richmond Police Lieutenant after 31 years of service.



THE SIZZLIN' SIXTIES - Above, left, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Greene, '66, at the AMA Museum. Center, together for the first time since they graduated in 1966 are Dave Carisimi and his wife, Mary Jane, seated at the left, and Rich Downey and his wife, Pam, on the right. The Carisimis live near St. Louis and the Downeys live at Fairfax Station, VA. They had their reunion in a Washington restaurant. Downey practices law in Northern Virginia while Carisimi is a school supplies company sales representative. Right, Mac McInnis, '67, his son, Ryan, and Tom Forrer, '67, at the Museum.

Bill Keller and Joan now have six grandchildren though he says, "we were not much involved in the process." Bill's new e-mail address is: BAJKeller@ev1.ney

Ron Harris is on assignment on Geogje Island, just south of Bousan, South Korea. He is a project manager for Rockwell International. He and Fran have been married for 17 years. E-mail: rwharris@ra.rockwell.com

1967

(MAC McINNIS)

Roy Props lives with his wife, Karen, in Richmond where they own the Varina Athletic Association. They have two sons, Andrew and Michael, and Dad is a baseball coach. E-mail: KSProps@aol.com

John Rock has a new home address: 1303 Muscat Circle, Roseville, CA 95747. He owns a business that sells and distributes industrial hardware and chemicals.

Ron Hatcher got his prey on a New Mexico Mule Deer Hunt just before Thanksgiving. Ron lives in Staunton.

Jim Anderson lives in Lewes, DE, and sent a nice contribution to the AMA Foundation. Thank you, Jim! E-mail: Anderjl@aol.com

1968

(GORDON METZ)

Fred Wright lives in Mount Vernon, OH where he is an auto wholesaler.

Fred was Mess Sergeant in 1967 and Mess Officer in 1968 plus duties as school electrician and movie projectionist.

1969

(NICK SYROPOULOS, BILL SCARBOROUGH & C.A. PASCALE)

Harvey Bowers owns the Agate Inn, a bed and breakfast in Wasilla, AK. He has found fossilized egg nests from the mid-Mesozoic era near the Inn. These are 120 to 200 million years old and Harvey says "this helps prove that in Alaska there is the chance of a new discovery at every turn." E-mail: alaska@agateinn.com

Rex Rumley is justifiably proud of his daughter, Robin. All middle schools in Columbus, OH were asked to have their students write an essay on why they would like to be Mayor of Columbus for a day. Robin was selected and was sworn in on 14 January. Congratulations to her! Rex has back surgery coming up and we hope all goes well.

Bill Scarborough celebrated his 50th birthday at his Virginia Beach home with a host of AMA friends: **Mark Femrite, Lewie Kennett, Tim Cooper, Dean Lohman, Howard Rosenthal, Tom Forrer and John Douglas.**

1970

(BILL PARKINS & JORGE ROVIROSA)

LTC Harry Campbell has been recalled to active duty to handle the

mortuary duties relevant to the War on Terrorism. He had been working as a DOD civilian in the Pentagon.

Gary Nicholson and Sue are now in their new digs in Red Oak, VA. He retired from the Washington, D.C. Police Force just over a year ago.

Willis Walker owns a horse and is boarding four others. He also keeps up with five dogs and five goats when he is not working for the Navy. Willis lives in Portsmouth.

Ray Marcantoni, who spent seven glorious years at Augusta, now lives in Baltimore, where he is President of Gray International, specializing in affordable asset protection. E-mail: raymarc3@home.com

Ron Ginns met Barbara about 20 months back and they are now ever so happily married. In the process, Ron gained three stepsons: Greg, Sean and Vincent. The Ginns live in West Grove, PA.

Jeffrey Peck graduated from college with honors, spent 21 years in the military, and now has a second career as an insurance fraud investigator. "I came to AMA as an undisciplined teenager and left with a sense of self-discipline and direction in my life." E-mail: Jeff.Peck@inetmail.att.net

1971

(RICH MASCHAK & GARRY GRANGER)

Gary Understein has moved into his



AWAKE, ASLEEP, AWARE - Above, left, Ed Longmire, '68, and Debbie, at the AMA Museum. Above, right, Lewie Kennett, '72, "working" at the Alumni House. Left, Jim Jenkins, '70, tries out an original Big Room seat.



new house in The Woodlands, TX, at 8900 Research Park Drive, #1820, 77381. E-mail: GUnderstein@aol.com

Joe Bamberger is employed at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station where he is helping build Launch Complex 37 for the Delta 4 Rocket.

Jack Paulsen says it's not too late to have your first child at age 49, and to prove it, his wife, Kathy, delivered Carson Donohue Paulsen on 28 October 2001. "We will see you at the reunion in May with a new Paulsen!" That's great, Jack! Every year, we have more and more kids of all ages coming to our reunion.

1972

(SAM WYSONG)

Warren Fleming, Russell Wells, Sam Hamilton, Doug Carter and Bill Evans got together in November for a mini-20th reunion at Fleming's house in Damascus, MD.

Curt Selby is a private contactor working with computers for DOD at The Pentagon.

Chuck Knapp is a health care administrator in Columbus, OH. He and his wife, Lindy, have a daughter. He's a graduate of Ball State University.

Al Zayas made his annual trip in December-January to visit his wife's family in Barranquilla, Columbia. He reports that **Raul "Rolo" Gutierrez** has gotten married.

Mark Cardwell spent two years at Augusta, but went back to public school his senior year. "I have always regretted that," he says. E-mail Mark at: mcardwell@home.net

1973

(JIM ATCHISON & JOE GARRY)

Tom McGinness is married with three children. He lives in Toms River, NJ. Tom was at AMA for seven years.

MORE SEVENTIES - Below, left, R. McLutsroy, '74, and the painting of AMA's founder. Center, below, Conley Funkhouser, '76 summer school, and his family. Right, below, Dave Langley, '76, seated; standing, Marla, Jake and Josh Langley. The Langleys live in Littlestown, PA.





Andre Allen, '77, back for the annual AMA picnic.

1974

(COREY KOENIG)

Dwight Van Nitz is now President and sole owner of Fields of Glory, a Civil War shop in Gettysburg, PA. His company has a fascinating website at: www.fieldsofgolry.com. You can e-mail Dwight at: foglory@cvn.net

1975

(BRETT THOMPSON)

Jorge Cordon lives in Guatemala City where he has been an English teacher in a private school for 13 years.

Brett Thompson and son, Will, have settled in their new digs on Oak Island in North Carolina. Will went out for football and started in most of his games, which made Dad very happy. Will also made the basketball team! E-mail: bdt4@es.rr.com

1977

(SHAWN OGIMACHI)

Andre Allen works for DuPont in Fairmont, WV (see photo above). After Augusta, he went to Mercer County (NJ) Community College for two years, then attended Fairmont State for two more years. Fairmont went to



Jeff Wine, '78, and an Eisenhower jacket.

the championships each year Andre was there. He even got a tryout with the Atlanta Hawks and the Detroit Pistons! E-mail: AAndres552@aol.com

Charlie Livick sent us his new e-mail address: CRoller77@yahoo.com

1979

(ED ISKOW & TYROCK BUTLER)

Rick Olson, an attorney, has relocated to Atlanta. Send Rick an e-mail at: rlo3atlaw@mindspring.com

1981

(TODD LIVICK)

Murray Fain lost his father this past year. We are sorry to hear of your loss, Murray. He lives in Roanoke.

1982

(NONE)

Bentley Day writes from Knoxville that he is "a highly regarded computer graphics geek." He moved to Dallas after AMA where he worked for five years before putting himself through college, ending up in the computer business. He has an 11 year old daughter from a previous marriage, and a girlfriend named Rhonda. We really hope to see them both back in Fort Defiance for Bentley's 20th anniversary at Reunion 2002.

1983

(WAYNE KRESON)

Patrick Beneventi is now living in Los



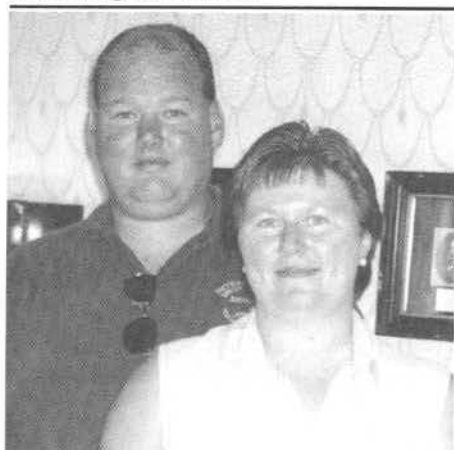
Juan Martinez, '80, visits AMA.

Angeles where he works for Saks Fifth Avenue. He has been married for eight years and has a six month old daughter. You can e-mail Patrick at: Patrick_Beneventi@s5a.com

1984

(CHRIS MEEK)

Julius Boles found AMA online and has asked that anyone from his era please get in touch with him. E-mail: cmcmw@sitestar.net



Conley and Patrick Funkhouser, '81. They live in Harrisonburg.



Julius Boles, '84, at the Museum.

2002 AMA Alumni Medal nominations being sought

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Medals for 2002 will be presented during the Friday night Awards Banquet at Reunion 2002, and nominations for this year's medals are now being solicited.

This will be the 4th year that medals have been given to AMA alumni, faculty and friends who have done extraordinary things for AMA and the AMA Alumni Association. Those nominated may have done one spectacular thing for AMA, or it may have been a continuing series of contributions to the association and to the legacy of AMA.

A committee appointed by Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, will study the nominations and determine the winners. The committee is composed of **Bob Bradford, '50**, who will act as chairman, Association Vice President **Frank Williamson, '60**, **Gary Nicholson, '70**, Association and Foundation Treasurer **Ed Click, '50**, and Granger. Committee members are not eligible to receive the medal.



There is no set number of medalists in a given year, and those who have received the medal in previous years are eligible to be considered in subsequent years.

Medal winners the first year (1999) were **Ed Click, '50**, the late **Bill Gray, '37**, **V. P. Leavel, '39**, **Steve Pearson, '72**, and **Frank Williamson, '60**. 2000 winners were **Tommy Simmons, '52**, **Gary Nicholson, '70**, the late **Mickey Gordon, '39**, and **Bob Bradford, '50**. Last year's medalists were **Chief Chester Cole, B.J. d'Orsay, '70**, **Sergeant Don Studer, Gordon Metz, '68**, and **Ben Zinkhan, '60**. Submit your nominations to: AMA MEDAL, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437, or e-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

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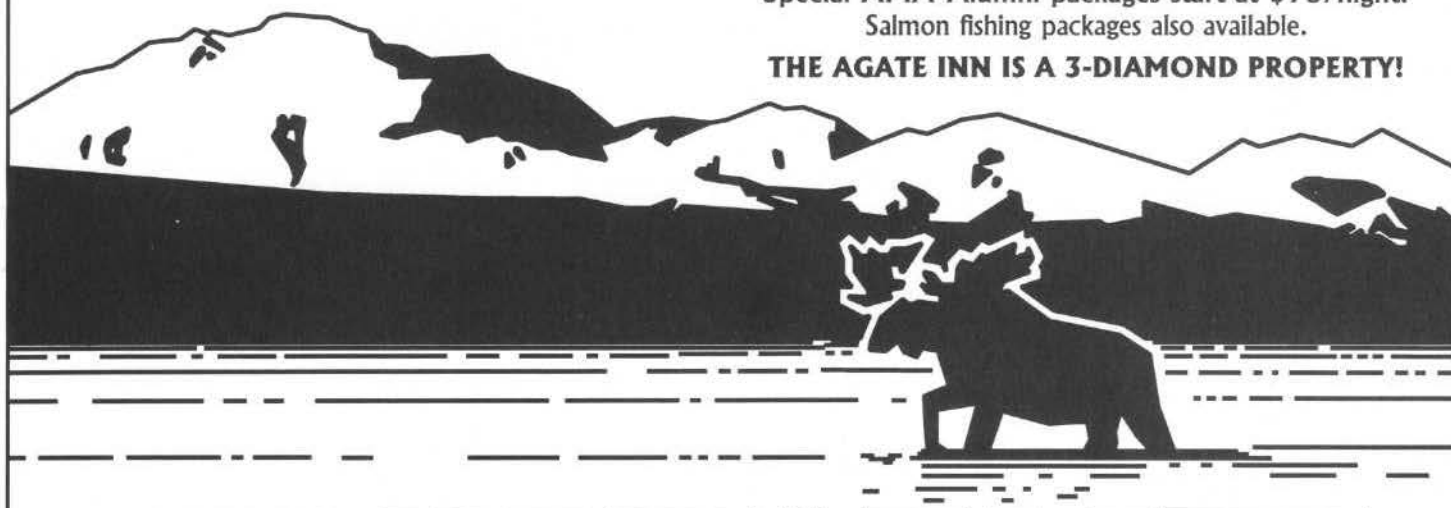
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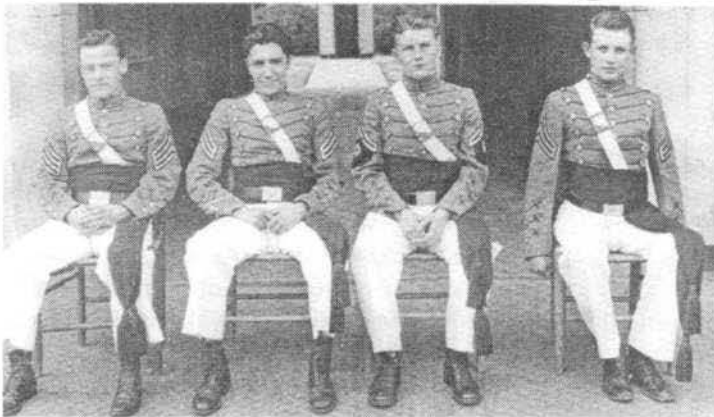
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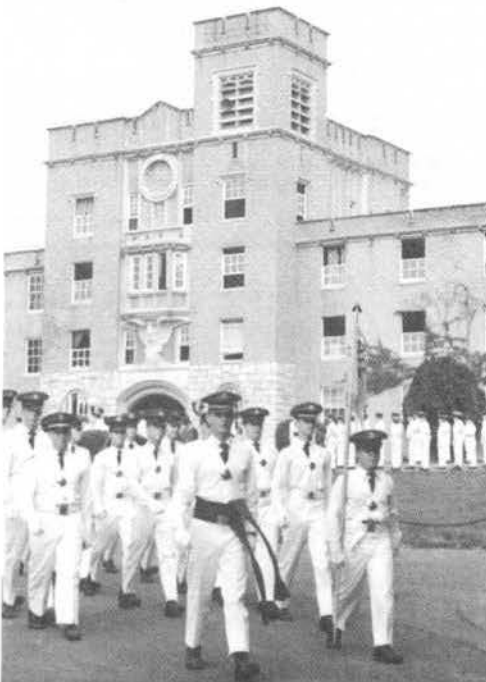
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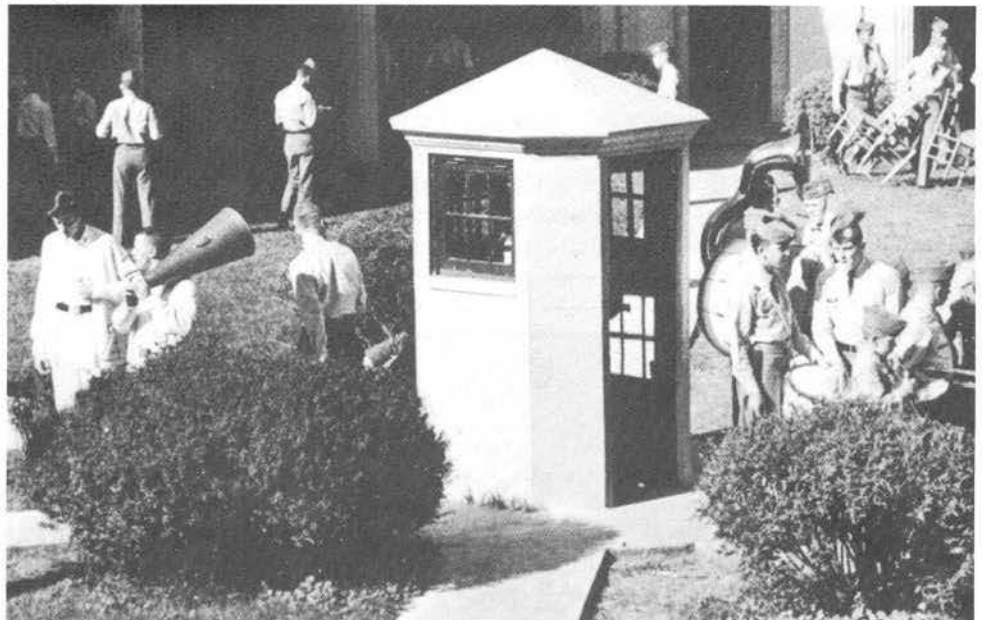
60 YEARS AGO - 1942 - Looking anything but literary, the officers of the Ciceronian Literary Society: Bill Knox, Bob Linstone, Will Evans and Bill Lyon.



35 YEARS AGO - 1967 - Charlie Smith, Brock Wagner and Pete Dogoli step off at the annual Harrisonburg parade with Jim Anderson, John Botcheller and Bob Mathias, all in step.



30 YEARS AGO - 1972 - Dean Lohman leads B Company in a Sunday parade.



40 YEARS AGO - 1962 - Can you spot yourself in this busy Courtyard scene? Looks like the end of a pep rally.



50 YEARS AGO - 1952 - Pete Angle and Joe Carter on the rifle team, below.



25 YEARS AGO - 1977 - Lacrosse to the max! Can you identify the Augusta players?

Applications available for three \$2,000 AMA Scholarships



Three scholarships, each worth \$2,000, will be awarded during Reunion 2002, and applications for the awards are now available at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Scholarship Committee Chairman **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, said that completed applications *must be received by 22 March 2002* in order that the judging may be completed and the scholarship winners can be advised before the reunion.

The AMA Legacy Scholarships are awarded each year to the direct descendants of AMA alumni (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren etc., whether natural, adopted or step) who are age 25 or less, and are enrolled in or have been accepted at an educational institution past the high school level. The scholarships are paid directly to the institutions.

In addition to two AMA Legacy Scholarships, **John Henderson, '69**, is sponsoring a \$2,000 scholarship in honor of his Father and in memory of his Mother. He requests that the scholarship go to a direct descendant of an AMA alumnus who is attending or will attend an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) college or university. The criteria for the Henderson Scholarship is the same as for the AMA Legacy Scholarships.

Orenstein invites other alumni and friends of Augusta to likewise sponsor additional scholarships.

To obtain a scholarship application, write:
Scholarships, c/o AMA Alumni Foundation
P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100
Phone 540/248-3007 or FAX 540/248-4533
E-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

REMEMBER: 22 MARCH is the deadline for submitting completed scholarship applications!

Previous AMA Scholarship winners report on their broad experiences

AMA's Legacy Scholarship winners have used their scholarship funds for many varied good purposes.

Albert Leatherman, who is the grandson of **George Leatherman, '39**, graduated from Williams College in 2000 and after working in New York for the summer, went to Europe on a fellowship. He spent a year in England, France and Holland and is now applying for law school back in the U.S.

Joanna Core, daughter of **John Core, '51**, graduated from San Francisco State University in 2000 with a BA in political science. Since then, she has worked for Juma Ventures, a non-profit association that provides jobs for teens in San Francisco. Earlier this year, she went with her Dad to London, Tokyo, Bangkok, Singapore and Hong Kong. And she still officiates football!

Michael Yerkey, son of **Bob Yerkey, '61**, used his scholarship to attend Norwich University, the military college of Vermont. He majored in history and received a full ROTC Scholarship for his last two years. Michael is now a 1st lieutenant in ordnance and is presently stationed at Fort Hood, TX.

Justin Morgan, the grandson of **Frank Spencer, '49**, is a junior engineering physics major at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Some of his work has

been with nuclear magnetic resonance and the quantum energy levels of mercury. Justin is a member of the editorial board of the student newspaper.

Jamie Saunders, daughter of **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, is a senior at Elon College and is in her final months as an undergraduate. She is President and Coach of Elon's Club Volleyball, and hopes to be accepted into the Air Force Officer Qualifying Program, following in her Dad's footsteps.

Scott Wooten, III, son of **Scott Wooten, Jr., '66**, is attending Virginia Tech. In addition to his studies, he teaches kayaking, and spends as much time as possible whitewater rafting. Scott also is taking part in the student-led New Life Christian Fellowship.

Chad Lampman, son of **Peter Lampman, '65**, is at Clemson where he plays in the famous Tiger Band. Chad switched his major from mathematics to history, and has never looked back. Chad will get a minor in sports management which should prepare him to help his Dad with Virginia's Commonwealth Games.

Dave Click, son of **Ed Click, '50**, graduated this past May from the University of Virginia with a dual major in electrical and computer engineering. He is currently in graduate school doing research in electrical engineering.

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David Hodges, '71, makes \$35,000 sticks**Custom cues created**

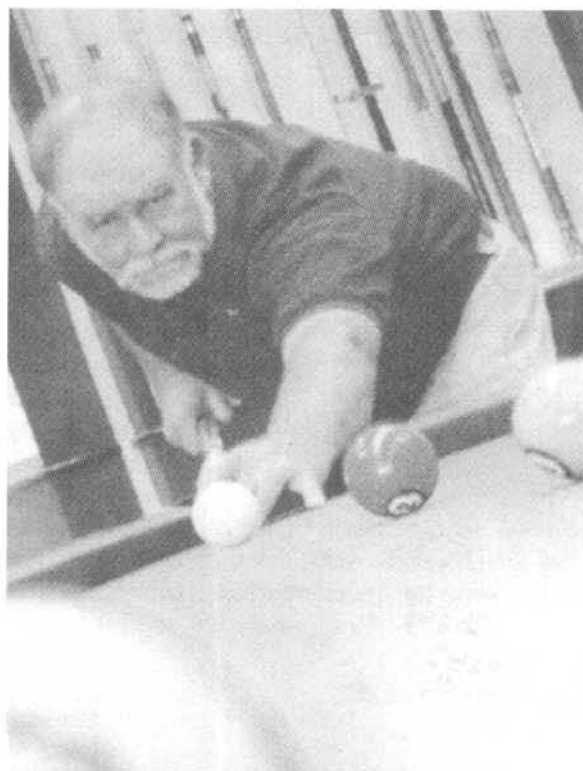
He had a choice. Join the family funeral business, or do something different. **David Hodges, '71**, chose different and he has taken what was an interesting hobby and turned it into a profitable business.

What he did different was to design and create pool cues. Now, pool enthusiasts from as far away as Japan pay big money for his painstakingly crafted Parrot Cue pool sticks — as much as \$35,000 in some cases. (The name parrot comes from a bird who lives in the store.) And Hodges is the only cue maker in the country with a retail outlet. He is the only cue maker in Virginia (Henrico County) and one of just six in the world who makes cue sticks by hand. He and two assistants make about 100 cues a year, 80 of which are custom. The other 20 go for about \$500 each. Every one-of-a-kind cue takes 12 to 18 months to complete and each section is hand carved from blocks of raw wood and must "rest" up to six months between carvings.

Hodges uses a combination of rare exotic woods, semi-precious stones, abalone shell and scrimshawed ivory to create the detailed inlay designs on the cue shaft. What may appear to be a simple band around the base of the cue may be made up of 150 individual pieces.

Hodges says his biggest challenge is the customer in a hurry, "but I love nothing more than to hand a guy his finished pool stick."

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RIGHT ON CUE - David Hodges, '71, tries out one of his custom made pool cues.

Don't run up the tab

Bill Scarborough, '69, and **Jerry Wildman, '57**, have volunteered to keep their eyes on EBAY and other internet auction sites looking for things for the AMA Museum.

They have come across some interesting items recently, but have been unable to purchase them for the Museum because someone else is running up the bid prices. "It's tough enough to find AMA items that are up for bid on line," says Wildman, "and it's disheartening to see someone else running the prices up."

Scarborough says he recently "bailed out of bidding on an old AMA post card because the bidding got totally out of hand." From their e-mail addresses, it's easy to conclude that some of the bidders are AMA alumni.

Fellows, please be sure that you are not bidding against AMA on items that would grace our museum and be on display for all to see.

Thanks for your consideration.

Silent Auction offers treasures, seeks donations

The Silent Auction at Reunion 2002 will be offering things that were once treasures, and are again, plus items and collectibles made by alumni, alumni wives, and friends of AMA.

Dave Conrad, '59, is again Chairman of the auction. "We are expecting some unique items again this year," he says, "and we are looking for more things which can be auctioned off during the reunion weekend."

In previous years, the auction has sold hand-made angels, quilts, AMA memorabilia, and a cherry desk built and donated by an alumnus. There have been pictures, antiques, a stay at a bed and breakfast, and other valuable items.

Be thinking about what you have in your attic, garage or closet that would be valuable to someone else. It once was valuable to you and it can be valuable now to someone else!

One thing to be auctioned off this year is an envelope with the stamp commemorating the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

What's so unusual about that? Well, President Clinton cancelled the issuance of the stamp, but we have one anyway on an envelope autographed by General Paul Tibbetts, the commander of the B-29 *Enola Gay* which dropped the bomb!

So, head for the attic, the basement or the garage. Dig out those things that you were going to give away some day, and help turn them into gold for the AMA Alumni Association.

Please bring your contributions for the Silent Auction to the registration area when you come to the reunion.

If you have something very special to offer, contact the AMA Alumni House in advance at 540?248-3007.

Thanks very much!

QUESTIONS about Reunion 2002?
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Chuck Pennock, '72, and his wife, Trudy, live in Puerto Rico. They recently took some trips and gave us this report.

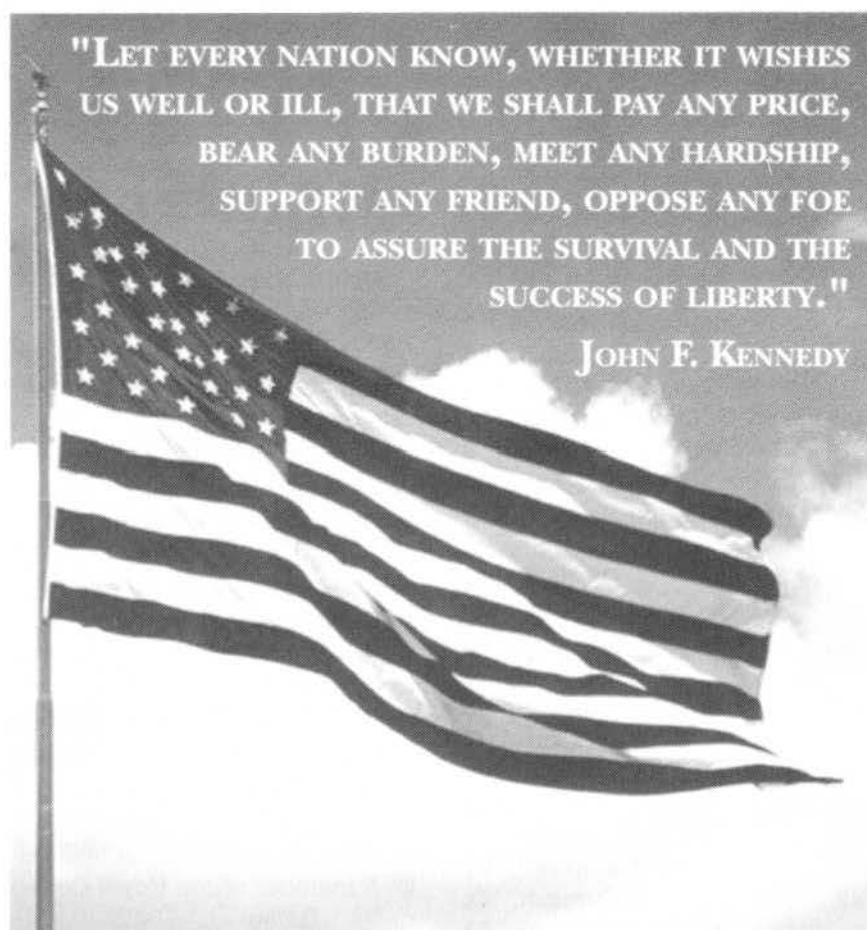
I would like to share a bit about our recent trip. We have travelled fairly frequently since 9/11, albeit exclusively within the boundaries of the continental United States. Because we live on an island and therefore are a bit removed from the day to day Americana experience, I observed with great interest a dramatic change in attitude of the average US citizen. In Miami, the Florida Keys, New York, Chicago and Boston, people are connecting and talking with strangers. It is much more than flying your flag on your porch, or having a flag on the bumper of your pickup or on your lapel. It is a deep sense of pride and ownership knowing you belong to the greatest country the world has ever seen!

Trudy and I were forced to reschedule a trip to Europe planned for our 25th wedding anniversary in September. Instead, we left the last week of December and spent some time in London. My fascination with military history was treated to an indigestible amount of information even though my focus was on World War II and afterward. If my pride at being an American citizen has been swelled by what I experienced at home, the comments and attitude of our British cousins is humbling.

Folks, you read it in the newspaper, but you need be there to feel the camaraderie the Brits

have with the Yanks. They really are our friends and allies.

Then, we crossed the English Channel to Paris. The French are still the French, but I had the privilege of visiting one of the most moving places I have ever seen. We spent most of a day in Normandy. I stood in the winter cold on Omaha Beach for a long time, trying to imagine what those brave men were going through in June of 1944. My Dad, **Chuck Pennock, '48**, served in the Navy in the Pacific, but my father-in-law was on Omaha Beach in June of 1944.



Then, we drove to the American Cemetery. As we drove in, our driver informed us that we were leaving France and entering the United States. The land the cemetery occupies was given to the United States by the French government. I have never seen a place more beautifully kept. It is like taking a bit of Arlington and putting it on the French coast. We walked among the graves and said a

prayer for the thousands buried there.

So, you see, we left America for a short holiday in this time of hurt and in a new year, but returned home, not only recharged by the holiday, but refocused on how we got our liberties and who made the supreme sacrifice so that we can enjoy them. Sometimes, if you stand back a little, the big picture comes into focus.

God bless America!

The Roller Society

The Roller Society is the organization which recognizes those who have pledged to leave something to AMA when they are no longer here. The qualifications for membership are quite simple: let us know that you plan to leave something to the AMA Foundation in your will, with life insurance, or any of countless other ways and your membership in the Roller Society is automatic.

Gordon Metz, '68, is the new Chairman of the Roller Society and he proposes to kick off a new campaign for Roller Society membership during Reunion 2002. "It is so very easy," he says. "No one expects your family to suffer because you make a commitment to AMA, but most of us can leave something to carry on the good works of the AMA Foundation when we are gone. We only want you to do what your heart leads you to do"

At Reunion 2002, a new Roller Society plaque will be unveiled at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. "There will be plenty of room on the plaque to add new names, so I ask you to think about it and be ready to join the Roller Society at the May reunion," Metz says.

Here are the current members of the Roller Society:

Joseph Salicrup, '31 *	Mickey Gordon, '39 *
Goodloe Saunders, '57	Bob Bradford, '50
Bob Spilman, '45	Nancy Bradford, Bob's wife
Jeff Wenzel, '70	Duke Fancher, '58
Dr. Edward Leventen, '46	Gary Nicholson, '70
Charles "Corky" Ridge, '57	Bobby Rhea, '47
Hal Walters, '48	Clyde Ramsey, '49
Frank Shultz, '41	Jeanne Morrisette Ramsey,
Mac McInnis, '67	Clyde's wife
Dave Conrad, '59	Dr. John Morris, '49 *
Noelle Nicholson,	Jim Council, '49
Larry's mother	Bill Harris, '48
Bill McVey, '60	Nick Syropoulos, '69
Rob Overly, '62	Steve Matton, '67
Ed Click, '50	Frank Spencer, '49
Terry Snow, '58	Ida Spencer, Frank's wife
Frank Williamson, '60	Paul Thomson, '72
Lewis Kennett, '72	Andrew Campbell, '61
Worthington Mahone, '42	Paul Bratton, '48
Willis Walker, '71	Tommy Clements, '50
Garry Granger, '71	Jeff Schroeder, '67
Carroll Knicely, '46	Steve Trent, '70
Dr. H. D. Deane, Jr., '48 *	Charles Pascale, '69
Rod Willey, '52	Bob Harris, '54
Colonel Mal Livick	Linda Roller Livick
Ed Chauncey, '49	John Henderson, '69
Ray Sanchez, '63	Gordon Metz, '68
Jim Starnes, '50	George Holt, '60
Luke Snyder, '60	* Deceased

Thank you to Bill Brooks, '62, for the help you provided in putting together the World War II display at the AMA Museum. Not only for the valuable things you sent, but for your advice and counsel. Couldn't have done it without you, Bill!

Museum plaque to list Roller Society members

A plaque will soon be in place in the AMA Alumni House/Museum listing all current members of the Roller Society (see list at left) with plenty of room for other friends of Augusta to join.

The plaque will hang in a prominent place and as others commit to leave something to AMA after they are gone, those names will be added.

**Where there's a will,
there's a way --
to help AMA!**

How They Died

Their stories differ. Their lives ended in varying and awful ways. We owe them everything. Read how some brave Augusta men gave their lives in the Second World War.

- ☉ Shot down over **Denmark** and never seen again.
- ☉ Killed in **Italy** in an action that won him the **Distinguished Service Cross** posthumously.
- ☉ Slain on **Kwajalein** by a fanatical enemy.
- ☉ Shot down over **Germany**.
- ☉ Died from wounds received on **Guam**.
- ☉ Killed in the **Battle of the Bulge**.
- ☉ Dead when his **troopship** was sunk.
- ☉ Killed in action in **New Guinea**.
- ☉ Killed in the Allied invasion of **North Africa**.
- ☉ Dead from **pneumonia** after a chest wound in **Germany**.
- ☉ Slaughtered in the bloodfields of **Okinawa**.
- ☉ Missing over **Austria** on a bombing run and later declared dead.
- ☉ Killed on **D-Day** as he first set foot on **Omaha Beach**.
- ☉ A member of the **Royal Canadian Air Force**, killed over **Berlin**.
- ☉ Captured by the **Japanese** and **executed**.
- ☉ Killed in the **Battle of the Huertgen Forest**.
- ☉ Killed in a **midair collision** just four weeks after getting his **Navy wings**.
- ☉ Dead on **Guadalcanal**, his body was never found.
- ☉ Died in an air crash in **North Africa**.
- ☉ Cut down as he charged a **German machine gun**.
- ☉ A former **Flying Tiger**, killed on a photographic mission over **China**.
- ☉ Died after being wounded just after **D-Day**.
- ☉ Just nine months after he left AMA, killed in a **plane crash** in **The Philippines**.
- ☉ Killed by rifle fire in **China** just after the war's end.



Read these stories beginning on page WW11.

105 mm artillery

Howitzer may stand guard on campus

Thanks to the efforts of **Dale Powers, '58**, a 105mm howitzer may soon stand guard in The Triangle in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Reverend Jim Dunlap, who represents the Pentecostal Church which owns AMA, has given permission for the artillery piece to be put in place, perhaps in time for Reunion 2002 this coming May.

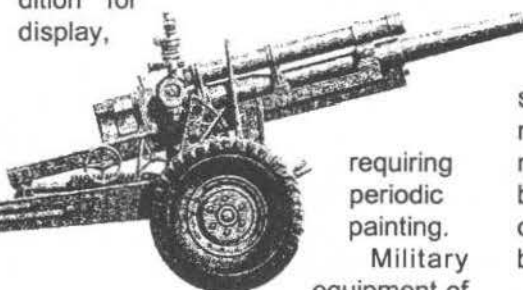
Powers is a member of American Legion Post 13 in Staunton. The Legion is one of the organizations empowered to request a cannon for a static display.

There are two major obstacles to overcome. First, the 4,500 pound howitzer, the standard divisional field-piece in World War II, has to be moved from Aberdeen, MD to Fort Defiance at AMA expense.

Then, the gun has to be "demilitarized," which is to say made inoperable.

This must be accomplished by a National Guard or Army Reserve unit with AMA footing the bill. A suitable pad must be constructed for the

display of the howitzer and it would be AMA's responsibility to keep the cannon in good condition for display,



requiring periodic painting.

Military equipment of

this nature is conditionally loaned for an indefinite time frame.

The 105mm howitzer was devel-

oped in the 1920's, perfected in the 1930's, and went into production in 1941. It uses a split trail, hydro-pneumatic recoil system and a horizontal sliding breech.

In addition to World War II, the 105 saw action in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada and the Gulf War. The gun is now in use around the world and has become the virtual standard by which other howitzers have been and are being built.

A howitzer is defined as a short cannon with a low muzzle velocity which fires shells in a relatively high trajectory.

TRIANGULATION - The Triangle in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum where a 105mm howitzer may soon stand guard.

Alumni Board hears reunion, scholarship, I-81 sign plans

As the snow fell outside, the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors met 19 January in the AMA Alumni House/Museum where they heard progress reports on Reunion 2002, the AMA scholarship programs, signs on Interstate 81 directing drivers to the AMA Museum, and a cannon to guard the campus.

Reunion Chairman **Frank Williamson, '60**, said that plans are on track

to salute Augusta's World War II veterans at the annual gathering. *"We'll still have all the other things which our fellows look forward to each year, and, in addition, will pay special attention to our World War II heroes who, 60 years ago, saved Western civilization,"* he said.

President **Garry Granger, '71** appointed **Gordon Metz, '67**, **Tommy Simmons, '53**, **Steve Trent, '70**, **Bill Scarborough, '69**, and **Liz Hash**, the lone alumni house employee, to assure that the House/Museum is fully staffed. The museum must be open six days a week for the State of Virginia agree to put up signs on I-81 showing the way to the AMA campus. To date, the museum has been open

four days a week, but there have sometimes been problems in finding volunteers to staff the place.

Norvell West, '84, is paying to have the signs made, but there is reluctance to have them installed until there are assurances that the museum can be kept open six days a week. *"All this points to the critical need we have for volunteers,"* says Museum Chairman **Duke Fancher, '58**.

President Granger announced that Metz will chair the Roller Society designed to offer AMA alumni and friends the opportunity to make deferred contributions to AMA through wills, trusts and the like. (Story on page 26)

Bruce Orenstein, '69, Chairman of
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Elsewhere in this issue of *The Bayonet*, you will find the first two advertisements we have accepted. During this test period, we are accepting ads only from our alumni and friends. We reserve the right to refuse any ad that is not tasteful, is illegitimate or is illegal. Some 2,800 AMA friends and alumni receive each issue of *The Bayonet*, a number which continues to grow as we find more "lost" men. In addition, copies of each issue are distributed at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Our advertisers have the advantage of knowing that those who read *The Bayonet* are people loyal to Augusta and to former AMA cadets and their loved ones. Introductory pricing is as follows:

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Jim Mackey, '44, wins US tennis doubles for 75-over

Jim Mackey, '44, of Virginia Beach teamed with a St. Petersburg, FL resident to win the U. S. Tennis Association National Men's 75-Over Indoor Doubles Tournament in Houston in January. Congratulations, Jim!

Mackey, 75, has placed second in the national competition seven times, but this is his first title. He is a former physical education teacher at Cox High School in Virginia Beach. He teamed with Bob Meyerderks to win the USTA title over top-seeded L. T. Ellis and Jerry Joyce. Thanks to Turner Dozier, '44, and Jim Lane, '49, for alerting us to this story.

Mackey has played for AMA in each of the last three years when Augusta went up against a Fishburne/VMI team. Pictured, above, Mackey, center, receives the Hudgins-Roller Trophy during the 1999 AMA Reunion after AMA had beaten FMS in tennis 2-0. Making the presentation were Fishburne alumnus and AMA friend John Maragon, left, and holding the cup is Fishburne's Sam O'Malley.

Kerr back after 60 years

Bill Kerr, '40, went to Augusta Military Academy for three years. Along came the war and Bill soon found himself assigned to the 2nd Armored Division under General George Patton, fighting his way across Europe.

Bill, who lived in Pittsburgh when he attended AMA, now lives in Idaho in the big city of Nampa. Even though he is having double knee replacements done, he is hoping to get back to Reunion 2002, the first time he will have been back to AMA in more than 60 years.

A good year to come back, Bill, since Reunion 2002 is dedicated to all you guys who went off to war 60 years ago.

There will be quite a few fellows from your era at the reunion, and you are guaranteed a good time. See you in May!

AMA WORD GAME

Find the word held in common by the three words in each puzzle. The three solution words will form a fourth puzzle that has something to do with AMA. The numbers indicate each answer's length, and the + tells you its position. Got it?

Example: +flower, Wailing+, and Berlin+ is wall. (wallflower, Wailing Wall, Berlin Wall). Now, do you get it? Then, GO!

Aswan +
+ nation
North River +

3 ➡ + _____

+ cleaner
total +
+ packed

6 ➡ + _____

+ Marshall
Victor +
+ Alpert

7 ➡ _____ +

FINAL
ANSWER

6 ➡ _____

Solution on page 44

Did you know

that in order to keep ROTC enrollment up to the required 100 cadets, Fort Defiance High School students were invited to take ROTC courses in the last years AMA was in operation?

Colonel Mal Livick writes that Army regulations permitted only grades 9-12 to be counted. "If we could have counted those in the Lower School, we would have had the requisite enrollment," he said. "We also could not count any foreign students in the 100 required to be enrolled in ROTC, and we had a number of cadets from Central and South America."

The so-called "cross enrolling" was done for a few years, and today there are several active duty officers who attended Fort Defiance High, but who were in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at AMA.

The FD High boys all marched in D Company, and Sergeant Don Studer says, "We had an undefeated rifle team due, in part, to their efforts."

Did you know that?



Pool cues (from page 24)

Customer requests have ranged from Barbie doll recreations to scenes of fighting samurai warriors.

One fellow who has bought five of Hodges' cues recently commissioned a stick decorated with trout and bass to reflect his passion for fishing.

Hodges says the cues double in value every eight years, so many look upon the purchase as an investment. "Making cues is an art form and people who work with wood want to learn how to make them," says Hodges.

In fact, he started manufacturing pool cues after spending years repairing fishing rods. He first began to repair cues, then decided to make new ones himself.

As anyone can see, he's more than made a success of it!

You can visit his shop at 2125 Staples Mill Road.

Or you can contact him by e-mail at: dahqwh@erols.com



WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS ANYWAY?

These are the grandsons of Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, and they are landscaping the Alumni House/Museum lawn.

Houston Wilson is manning the shovel and Hunter O'Neill tends the wheelbarrow.

Thanks, fellows!

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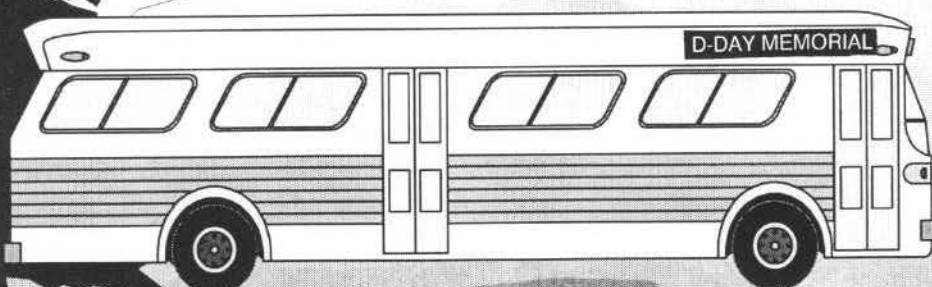
Robert Hume, '63

Senior Vice President

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Hours of operation must increase

Interstate highway signs pose challenge

If all goes as planned, there soon will be signs on Interstate 81 with directions to the AMA Alumni House/Museum for the 14.5 million vehicles that pass the Verona and Weyers Cave exits each year.

Norvell West, '84, has paid to have the signs created. There also will be signs on Route 11 directing 1.2 million travelers a month to the AMA campus.

But there is a catch. The Museum must be open six days a week.

The Virginia Department of Highways is specific in saying that the Museum must be open six days a week for at least six hours each day

in order for the signs to go up and stay up. At the present time, the AMA Museum is scheduled to be open four days a week, and there have been problems in getting volunteers to fill those four days.

"This is very exciting," says Alumni Association President Garry Granger, '71. "But we struggle now to keep the House open four days a week. If we can't maintain a six day schedule, we will lose the signs and never have the opportunity to have them installed again."

Granger has appointed a five person committee whose job it is to see

that there is an alumnus at the house during the open hours. Gordon Metz, '68, Tommy Simmons, '53, Bill Scarborough, '69, Steve Trent, '70, and Liz Hash, the museum's only employee, constitute the committee.

Granger says that alumni should expect to be called on to man the House. "We have gotten special rates at the Holiday Inn and we are hoping that people will call to volunteer before we have to call them," Granger says.

Six directional signs on the Valley Pike (US 11) will be installed at the two interstate exits, hopefully before the summer tourist season begins.

Need a folding wheel-chair for our museum

Do you have a folding wheelchair that you are no longer using? We would very much like to have one for the AMA Alumni/House Museum.

Our museum is equipped with a ramp so that people in wheelchairs can visit. We need a folding chair that can be stored out of the way until it is needed.

If you can provide such a chair, please call the Alumni House at 540/248-3007.

Or e-mail us at: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

Thank you! If you donate the wheelchair to the AMA Foundation, you can take a tax deduction for the full market value.

Terry Snow, '58, progressing

Terry Snow, '58, who had a debilitating stroke some time back, continues to improve. Family reports say that he is on a plateau, that his health is generally good, and that he really looks forward to phone calls and visits.

He is now walking with a cane and getting out for an occasional meal. You can call Terry at 434/847-7208. If you plan a visit, please call Terry's stepfather-in-law, Don Brah, at 434/384-1228 in advance.

Anyone coming to the reunion in an RV?

Bob Gebeaux, '62, class agent for the Class of '62, is coming to Reunion 2002 in his 5th wheel. He'll be at the Walnut Hills Campground and wonders if anyone else will be coming in an RV. Contact Bob at: ka3ocs@amsat.org



THE WILLING WILLEYS - Sue and Rod Willey, '51, live in the heart of downtown Fort Defiance and their home away from home is the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Early in the morning, late in the afternoon, planning reunion activities, they are always willing to do what needs to be done. Rod serves on the AMA Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees and both he and Sue are absolutely the best! Many are their contributions that go unacknowledged because they want it that way. Thanks, Sue and Rod, for being there!

I challenge you!



The challenge is right there before us on the facing page.

The State of Virginia is about to put up signs on Route 11 and, later, on I-81 pointing the way to the AMA Museum.

Our challenge is to have the Museum open six days a week to meet the requirements set down by the State.

For an historical site to have signage on US and Interstate highways, those sites must be open to the public at least six hours a day six days a week.

It has been difficult to maintain a four day a week schedule as required by the State of Virginia Time Traveler program. Now, we must have the AMA Museum open six days a week.

Our good friend, Norvell West, '84, is underwriting the cost of the signs and a part-time employee for the museum. **BUT WE NEED ALWAYS TO HAVE AMA ALUMNI ON DUTY WHEN THE MUSEUM IS OPEN.** Visitors want to talk about the school, ask if you remember so and so, etc. We **MUST** have an AMA alumnus at the AMA Museum when it is open!

How do we meet the challenge?

President Granger has appointed a five-person committee (see story on opposite page) to see that we have the alumni volunteers we will need. Respond when you are called on to do so. We have negotiated special rates at the Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center for those who need to come from out of town to help out. **WE NEED YOU AND WE NEED YOU NOW!** If the signs go up, and we are not able to meet the six day a week standard, the signs will come down, and they will never go up again. That's the challenge, friend. It is squarely up to **YOU!**

PERSONAL EXCHANGE

Looking for a 1932 Recall? Or your old roommate? Look here! If you can help, contact Ed Click, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. 540/248-0507 e-mail: grampso2@juno.com

Researchers needed to examine old newspapers in the Staunton Library and to do some AMA-related research at the Library of Congress. Can you help us? Please contact **Duke Fancher**, '58, at: tdfan@aol.com. Phone 540/248-3007.

Does anyone know where the **Aguileras** boys are? **Chris Harrison**, '43, says **George Aguileras** was his mother's good friend. Can you help Chris?

Jack Jackson, '60, is looking for his classmates: **Ralph Leonard** and **Jack Burnite**. Do you know where they are?

Charles Lee Rupert attended AMA around 1962-63. In 1975, at age 26, he was killed and it is still an unsolved case. His cousin is wondering if anyone remembers Charles when he was a cadet? She is putting together some memories for Charles' mother. If you can tell them anything, please contact Sharon Hiscott at: srhiscott@yahoo.com

Lloyd Henry, '48, is looking for his classmate **Joel Adelberg**. Does anyone know how to get in touch with Joel?

Tom Schmidt and **Ernie Kilton** are being sought by **Gene Hamilton**. All were at AMA in 1963-64. Contact Gene at: geneatkake@aol.com

Rex Rumley, '69, is trying to locate **Chuck Creson**, '70.

Leaders of the AMA Alumni Association

The AMA Alumni Association, Inc. was formed at an Ab Astra meeting on 6 June 1970 and the following directors were selected:

- **Parker Ward** of Huntington, WV
- **Tomme Gamewell** of Salisbury, NC
- **David Conrad** of Annapolis, MD
- **Gary Hume, III** of Alexandria, VA
- **Bill McClung** of Charlottesville, VA
- **Dr. John Young** of Lynchburg, VA
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- **Frank Suter** of Roanoke, VA
- **T.C. Lea, Jr.** of Culpeper, VA
- **Ralph McGraw** of Camp Hill, PA
- **Col. Sam Wales** of Fort Defiance

The first elected President of the AMA Alumni Association was **Parker Ward**. Past Presidents of the AMA Alumni Association:

- Parker Ward**, '54, 1970-71*
- Mickey Gordon**, '39, 1971-74**
- Seymour Wilks**, '48, 1974-76
- V. P. Leavel**, '39, 1976-78
- Paul K. Long**, '51, 1978-80**
- Duke Fancher**, '58, 1980-81
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- Gordon Metz**, '68, 1982-84***
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- Edwin F. Click**, '50, 1991-92***
- Thomas Simmons**, '53, 1992-93***
- Gary Nicholson**, '70, 1993-97***
- Goodloe Saunders**, '57, 1997-01***
- Garry Granger**, '71, 2001-present

* Died in office

** Deceased

*** Current AMA Alumni Association Director

Recent museum visitors

Ryan McInnis, son of **Mac McInnis**, '67, of Waynesboro + **Jack Crummett**, brother of the late **Charles Crummett**, '44, and **Jean Crummett**, of Waynes-



20 YEARS AGO, **Bentley Day**, '82, graduated from AMA. He came back last fall with **Rhonda Twice-good** to refresh old memories.

boro + **Beth** and **Chuck O'Marr** of Mechanicsburg, PA + **Robert Koffman**, '74, of Brooklyn, NY + **Parker Jones**, SMA, '69 + **Michael Rader**, '74, of Colorado Springs + **Bob Hume**, '63, of Harrisonburg + **Paul Peters**, '76, of Fawn Grove, PA + **Linda** and **Barry Riddle**, '65, of Severn, MD + **Madison** and **Bill McClintic** of Richmond + **John Calander**, '59, of Bartow, FL + **Bill Williams** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa + **Bill Scarbrough**, '69, and **Sue** from Virginia Beach + **Scott Wooten**, '66, of Mount Solon.

Will you give us a couple of hours?

For too long, too few people have carried the entire burden of putting on our successful AMA reunions.

Think about how YOU can help at Reunion 2002. Give some of your fellow cadets, and their wives, a break!

There is so much to do, and so few hands to do it with. We **really** need our help. We will have a duty roster at the reunion. **SIGN UP PLEASE!**

Contact Reunion Chairman **Frank Williamson**, '60, at 804/673-9030. He'll really appreciate the call, and we'll all have a better time at the reunion. Thanks!

Heart of my Heart

Bill Harris, '48, writes of love lost and love found

Once you start to read it, you can't put it down. If the story were not true, no book publisher or movie maker would touch the manuscript.

Bill Harris, '48, has written *Heart of my Heart*, a love story that spans half a century. The entire narrative takes place after Bill graduated from AMA and entered the University of Texas. There he met Frances Puett, and to quote Bill, *"thereafter I could think of little else. The sound of her voice, the sparkle in her eyes, the scent of her hair, haunted me from morning until night."* But for 22 years, an auto accident, marriages to others, children, a strict code of behavior, and hard times would keep them apart.

Bill grew up in New York City where his father was a doctor. Problems between the parents led them to relocate in Texas while Bill was shipped off to Augusta where his grandfather had attended years before. Bill planned to be a doctor himself and entered UT with that end in mind.

Then, he met Frances, learned that she was from Midland and that her brother had gone to SMA. In spite of this, Bill bought her their first drink together — a cherry Coke. A movie, a ping pong game, and evening walks followed. Other than a girl from Stuart Hall, Bill had really never had another date in his life, and the Stuart Hall exercise involved unauthorized midnight joy rides with **Carter Woods** in a car they "borrowed" from faculty member **Clint Bales**.

Debutante Ball

At Christmas break, Bill went home to Houston and Frances went home to Midland. Bill's mother encouraged him to accept an invitation to a debutante's ball and reluctantly, he went. And who was unexpectedly there? Frances! It must be fate, Bill thought to himself.

The Holidays over, Bill received his DKE pin and rushed over to present it to Frances. Then and there, they pro-

fessed their love for each other. Bill dropped his premed classes and signed up for many of the classes that Frances was taking. Once, they got

each other. One day, Bill's roommate decided to go to Denton to see his girl, and Frances and Bill went along. They were asleep in the back of the auto when they collided head on with another vehicle. Though the front seat passengers were injured, Bill and Frances were not, and they accompanied their friends to the hospital, finally getting back to Austin the next morning.

Bill was in some trouble for leaving town without permission, but Frances' sorority thought that she had disgraced them for having stayed out all night, and they expelled her. Bill tried to talk with Frances' father, but he forbade Bill from ever seeing Frances again, threatening to have him shot if he ever showed up in Midland. The last thing Bill saw was Frances' tear stained face in the back window of her father's car. Bill, in tears himself, went home to Houston and didn't come of his room for three days.

Bill was sent to Virginia for six weeks of ROTC summer camp. He wrote Frances every day, but never had a response. He would learn much later that Frances' father had intercepted the letters and destroyed them.

Frances and Bill met the next year at the Texas-OU game in Dallas. Frances was hoping that Bill would propose, but he did not because he felt his finances did not permit him that luxury at that time. What he did not know was that Frances had an engagement ring in her pocket, and on her return to Midland, announced her engagement to one **Charles Black**.

Bill was crushed and on the day of the wedding, rushed into the church to protest when the minister asked if anyone in the congregation knew a



OH, BABY! - Frances and Bill at a costume party in 1950, dressed like babies. Obviously, they were (and are) in love!

thrown out of Philosophy 301 for kissing during a lecture.

Bill's Dad fell ill and he rushed back to Houston to be with him. His father improving, Bill drove the family '48 Ford back to Austin.

Spring brought warmer weather and many outings to picnic, swim or just be near



Bill and Frances Harris at Reunion 2001

reason why the couple should not be united. Seeing this frenzied, red haired fellow charging up the aisle, the minister quickly pronounced Charles and Frances man and wife. Bill turned on his heel and left, again in tears.

Back at UT, he later met Mary White, a pretty blonde who "taught me the facts of life." After Christmas, Mary told Bill she was pregnant. In the mores of the day, abortion was not even a consideration, nor was desertion. Bill and Mary married on a January day in 1952. But Bill felt that something was not right. He was tested by doctors who told him that he was sterile. The baby was not his! Again, Bill found himself talking with a father and again, he was threatened by a gun. But finally, it was decided that Bill would stay married until six months after the baby was born, and then they'd divorce.

Frances was still on his mind, but he knew that he couldn't have her. Eventually, he met Bette and they had a big church wedding in Austin. Bill went on active duty as a 2nd lieutenant and when he was discharged four years later, they moved to Houston. He and Bette adopted a daughter, Irene, but all was not well with the marriage.

Frances calls

One day, the phone rang. It was Frances. She had moved to Corpus Christi and was the mother of six, all born in the first eight years of her marriage. But she was not happy in her marriage either. In 1972, Charles and Frances divorced. Bill and Bette drifted farther apart until Bill told her that he was going to file for a divorce. Things dragged on for quite a while, but the divorce finally came through with "Bill getting Frances and Bette getting everything else."

Eager to wed, Frances discovered that they could get married in Louisiana the day after the divorce was final.



**Bill Harris,
1947 Recall**

So, they left for Lake Charles, stopped in Houston to pick up wedding rings¹, and were married the next day with Frances' son, Jim Black, as the only witness.

Frances got a teaching job and Bill had renewed success selling tax deferred investments all over the Houston area. You'll have to read the book to find out how they ended up running a bed and

breakfast in Round Top, TX, and how that place got the name *Heart of my Heart*. Suffice it to say that Bill and Frances first lived in a drafty rustic cabin, grew vegetables, had an orchard and a berry patch, and raised chickens, cattle, pigs and sheep.

Just reading about how Bill got his pigs to market is worth the price of the book, or how he learned to shear sheep, or why he ended up giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to some baby chicks!

And learn how

Bill fulfilled his promise to Frances to build her dream Victorian. And how what started as a breezy cabin ended up with two fully restored historic homes, a pool, a workshop, six houses in all, a conference center, a lake, gardens, a driving range, a playground, hiking trails and numerous donkeys, horses, dogs and cats.

The bottom line: Frances and Bill had to wait 22 years, but though all the years, all the fears, and all the tears, they proved once more that love conquers all!

The Harrises love having AMA folks visit their B&B. Everyone who has raves about the place, the food, and Bill's stories (most of them).!

Bill and Frances have been back to AMA reunions for the last five years. Look for them in May!

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Passing through Houston late at night, the only place to buy a wedding ring was at a pawn shop, and that's what they did.

Board meeting *from page 27*

the Scholarship Committee, reported that there will be three \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships offered this year, one of them funded by **John Henderson, '69**, who hopes the judge will find someone attending an Atlantic Coast Conference school for that scholarship. Applications are now available and must be returned for judging by 22 March. Scholarship winners will be announced before Reunion 2002.

(Story on page 23)

Fancher reported that the acquisition of a 105mm howitzer for display in The Triangle in front of the Alumni House/Museum is now in the hands of the military. "We've done all the paperwork," said Fancher, "and we are just waiting for them to tell us to come to Aberdeen, Maryland to get the cannon."

With the storm intensifying, the meeting adjourned and everyone broke for home. **Steve Trent, '70**, had to drive over Afton Mountain where his truck skidded into a tree. The vehicle was not driveable and Steve ended up spending the night with **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, and Brenda at their beautiful home on the mountain.

Happily, Steve wasn't hurt: just his truck!

"Memories" available at Alumni House/Museum

The memories of many Augusta cadets are now in a 3-ring binder at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, AMA's webmaster, and volunteer **Bob Guggenheimer, '43**, have been collecting remembrances from AMA alumni over the internet. Guggenheimer volunteered to contact alumni, and d'Orsay is putting what is collected on the AMA website.

Museum Committee Chairman **Duke Fancher, '58**, says that the writeups have been organized in the notebook by decade. "We are getting new stories and recollections every week," he says, "and eventually we likely will have to index the book." Memories may also been seen in their entirety on the AMA webpage (www.AMAAlumni.org) and excerpts are being printed in each issue of *The Bayonet*. (see page 39)

TAPS



**Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to
The AMA Chaplain
Reverend Jim Lupton, '50
241 Riverview Street
Belhaven, NC 27810
252/943-6318**

Phillip "Buck" Knowles, '32

17 December 2001, age 89, at Augusta Medical Center, Fishersville. Graduate of Dunsmore Business College. Owned and operated the Central Garage in Staunton. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Virginia Coyner Knowles; two sons, Phillip, Jr. of Staunton and Robert of Roseland, VA; a brother, Jack, of Staunton; and three grandchildren.

Richard "Billy" Morgan, '33

7 December 2001, age 89, at Virginia Beach. Electrician at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Attended Norfolk Division of William and Mary. Officiated Virginia high school sports for 20 years. Played semipro football with the Norfolk Shamrocks and other semipro teams. Coached for the South Norfolk Youth Athletic Association. Former member of South-eastern Football Officials Association. He was laid to rest wearing his AMA tie. Survived by two daughters, Martha Morgan Severin and Susan Morgan Haskett, both of Virginia Beach; two sons, Richard, Jr. and Kenneth, both of Scottsdale, AZ; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; and a step great-great-grandchild.

Marvin E. "Mickey" Gordon, '39

See story on page 3.



**Mickey Gordon,
1939 Recall**



**Leonard Coote,
1941 Recall**



**Don Heppner,
1947 Recall**



**Jim Hollar,
1956 Recall**



**Gary Coslop,
1967 Recall**

Leonard John Coote, Jr., '41

24 September 2001 in Vacaville, CA, complications from cancer surgery. In December of 1941, he and his brother, the late **Kenneth Coote, '41**, went home to the Philippines where the Japanese later made them prisoners of war for the duration of World War II. A painter, Leonard Coote lived in San Francisco and received many commendations for his work. Survived by his sons, Leonard III, grandsons, Lenny, Justin and Derek, and sisters, Betty Coote Zimmerman and Honey Coote Finley.

Dr. Beryl J. Oser, '42

8 December 2001, age 77, in Newport News. Podiatrist and shoe store owner. Graduate of Temple University. Consultant to Veterans Hospital for more than 40 years. Took violin lessons at age five and went on to conduct the Newport News High School Orchestra which won two first places in state-wide meets. Played in the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, the Peninsula Symphony, and in local quartets. Organized and chaired the music series at the Jewish Community Center. Past Exalted Ruler of Newport News Elks. Served on boards of Beth Shalom, United Way, Hampton Downtown Redevelopment, and Adath Jeshurun. During the '50's, gave up his practice to join his family in managing Oser Brothers Shoe Stores. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Thelma Fine Oser; three sons, Steven of Virginia Beach; David of Richmond; and Kenneth of Milton, FL; and six grandchildren.

Jay Douglas Brammer, '44

No details. Died in Bassett, VA.

Donald G. Heppner, '47

30 October 2001, at Westminster Canterbury, Lynchburg. Real estate developer. Attended Lynchburg College. Exceptional football and track athlete both at AMA and at LC. Held Virginia

State High School record for the 100 yard dash. Service in the U.S. Army. After a brief time in the insurance business, embarked upon a half century career in real estate development with Forehand Realty. Played a pivotal role in developing Fort Hill Village, Boonsboro Shopping Center, Waterlick Plaza, Brookneal Shopping Center and numerous apartment complexes. Active in politics, first in the Byrd Democratic organization and later in the Virginia Republican Party. Organized and served as President of Lynchburg Broadway. Visited the AMA Alumni House/Museum just two weeks before his death. Survived by his former wife, Nathalie Ward Heppner of Lynchburg; his five children: Donald, Jr., of Vienna, VA; Virginia Heppner Gay, David, and Christopher, all of Lynchburg; and Laura Heppner Aiello of Seattle, WA; and nine grandchildren.

Dr. James C. Hollar, '56

1997, of bone cancer, Hickory, NC. Editor of *The Recall*, played football and basketball, Roller Rifles, Honor Roll, Final Ball Committee, Captain, Company C, *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

Joseph Edward McGough, '65

27 September 2001, of lung cancer, in Alexandria, VA. Supervisor of Old Potomac Yards switching station. Surveyor on large construction sites, including tunnels. Motorcyclist and sailboat enthusiast. Survived by his parents, Thomas and Irene McGough, and a sister, Sheila McGough.

Gary Coslop, '67

8 January 2000 of cancer. Brother of **Bud Coslop, '63**. No other details.

George M. Weir, II

3 October 2001 in Towson, MD. Taught at AMA for one year. Reported by **Ben Zinkhan, '60**.

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 TOWE, JAMES P., '60
 TUCKER, DONALD C., '63
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 WELCH, RICK, '67
 WELD, EDWARD J. '46
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 WONG, DUNCAN, '52

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 TRIMBLE, DAVID D., '60
 FERRO, OSWALD O., '53
 GRAWL, M. BIRCH, '31
 HART, CHRIS, '72
 HASTINGS, WILLIAM T., JR., '48
 NICHOLSON, LTC LARRY D., '75
 O'HARA, JAMES M., '39
 VETICK, CHRISTOPHER L. '77
 WILDMAN, PAUL J., '57
 ARTHUR, LTC JOHN E., '75
 CRIPPS, GARY D., '71
 ELLIS, J. MONTE, '60
 FEMRITE, MARK H., '71
 FEWELL, MS. BETTY L.
 GLASSER, REVEREND ARTHUR, '32
 GREEN, R. SCOTT, '63
 HURME, ARTHUR K., '61
 LEPPER, LEWIS, '47
 NALVEN, HENRY, '44
 NEWMAN, RICHARD G., '61
 PETTY, GEORGE G., '58
 RAY, H. ROBERT, '62
 SAMUELS, ALAN B., '72
 SANDRIDGE, COLE W., JR., '52
 SOLLOD, COL. RONALD L., '50
 TURNER, H. MEBANE, '49

WALKER, CLAXTON, '41
 WALTON, ROBERT D., '65
 WARNOCK, BROOKE C.
 WHITE, ROBERT S., '60
 WITHERS, WALTER H., JR., '56
 WORLEY, JAMES A., '70
 WRIGHT, CPT JOHN R., '63
 ATCHISON, JIM, '73
 BEARD, COL. RUTLAND, JR., '42
 CARR, BROWN, '71
 CARROLL, BILLIE, '59
 CASEY, PHILLIP H., JR., '63
 DAVIS, HARRY G.
 ENGLISH, JOHN L., '46
 HENDERSON, ARTHUR D., '41
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 KELLER, WILLIAM R., JR., '62
 LIVICK, COL. MALCOLM H.
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 REECH, STEVEN A., '84
 SIMMONS, JOHN B., '47
 TRINKLE, REV. E. LEE, III, '53
 WHITE, JOHN T., III, '69
 CHAPIN, LUCIUS T., '63
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 CONLEY, COL. SAM G., JR., '47
 COOLAHAN, MARK, '73
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 HEARN, CHARLES W., '69
 KINZEL, DIETMAR P., '62
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 LIVERMAN, PHILIP, '64
 MADDEN, CHARLES L., '51
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 SAUNDERS, CLAYTON J., '40
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 TOMLIN, ALLEN K., '48
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Thank you for your
 confidence

Augusta County piper to lead veterans into gymnasium luncheon

The bugler will sound "Soupie," and a kilted bagpiper will lead the World War II veterans and other reunion guests into a Saturday (4 May) noon luncheon in the AMA Gymnasium.

Dr. Mixion Darracott of Fishersville is an accomplished player of bagpipes who has graciously agreed to assist in our salute to AMA's WW II heroes.

He was recruited by his good friend and ours, **Richard McLaughlin, '48**, himself a veteran of Patton's 3rd Army. We are grateful to Richard and to Dr. Darracott for their contribution.

'43 Bayonet yields alumni news of day

Bob Guggenheimer, '43, has a *Bayonet* from 24 April 1943 with the following reports on AMA alumni:

Ed Brown, '41 was commissioned on April 8th a second lieutenant in the AUS infantry. He reported to Camp Croft, SC for duty.

Clinton McDonnell, '40, is now in the Chemical Warfare Service. He is at Camp Sibert, AL.

Pete Fox, '42, was inducted into the Army at Philadelphia last week. He spent a week on furlough before reporting for active duty.

Private Sam Purswell, 93rd TSS, Bks. 830, Scott Field, Illinois. He had his basic training at Kessler Field and is now in radio school at Scott Field.

"Unc" Hamilton, '42, a brother of **Cadet Hamilton**, was a recent visitor (to AMA). Hamilton received his commission as a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, GA and is now in the AUS Infantry Paratroopers. Hamilton is taking extensive and most interesting training as members of this branch of the service must know something about all branches of the Army.

Editor's note: "Unc" Hamilton parachuted into France on the night of June 5-6, 1944. He was critically wounded some time thereafter and died in an English hospital on 4 July 1944.

From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them.



Who is the fellow at left, in his overcoat, perhaps on guard duty? That's the back of the Mess Hall behind him. Note the car in the background.

The cadet, below, is from a later day. Can you identify him?

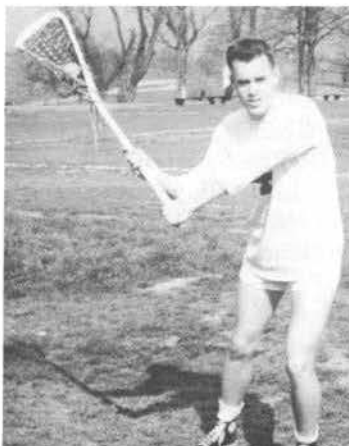


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In the last issue, we printed the two photos below and asked for your help in IDing these cadets. **Bill Dickinson, '49**, and **John Cole, '50**, were the first people to identify the fellow with the lacrosse stick as **Bill Hill, '50**. And **Steve Reech, '84**, had little trouble in identifying the boy with all that unmilitary hair. It is Steve himself!



Augusta memories...

B.J. d'Orsay, '70, and Bob Guggenheimer, '43, have teamed to ask AMA alumni with e-mail addresses to share their AMA memories with other Augusta alumni and friends. It may be hard to believe, but Bob Guggenheimer on 23 November 2001 had sent and received 1,500 e-mails of memories!

Complete texts of these memories can be found on the AMA webpage at: AMAAlumni.org, and in binders in the AMA Alumni House/ Museum. Those without e-mail capabilities are invited to write up their memories and mail to: AMA Memories, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100.

Please TYPE or PRINT PLAINLY.



Steven Reech, '84, reflects on his time at Augusta: *We are all here for a certain amount of time. We are all like water in a river... we hit a waterfall and become droplets bumping into each other on the way down, then, becoming the river again. I remember so many wonderful things about AMA. The time I spent there shaped the person I am today. I love you, AMA!*



Duke Fancher,
1958 Recall

Duke Fancher, '58, remembers a time when **Colonel Roller** had him shaking in his boots for no reason: *The announcement came over the loudspeaker: "Cadet Fancher report to Colonel Roller's office." Oh, Lord, I thought what have I done now? I went to the office, knocked, was invited in and presented myself as I always did: "Cadet Fancher reporting to Colonel Roller, Sir." And he smiled! Actually smiled, then gave me three silver dollars and told me he wanted me to have a good time in Harrisonburg. Three dollars would buy a damned nice steak then... I got to know him very well and I got to love him. He was the father I never had.*

Aldolfo Solorzano, '78, explained why he changed religion every week: *At AMA, every week was a routine... and we all looked forward to Sundays. It was church day... some walked up the Hill to the Stone Church, others took a bus to the city. And some of us changed our religion each week. Looking to meeting more girls, I learned the prayers and the songs of every religion! It was at church where we made dates for bowling, the movies, and so forth. I looked at so many guys all week that it made me use every known "girl meeting" strategy.*

Cindy Raynes was a part-time secretary at AMA where she worked one summer between her junior and senior years at Fort Defiance High School: *Everyone was wonderful. Colonel Anderson was so nice; Major Bob Eanes was so funny, yet strict. Sergeant Studer always had a smile on his face. Lieutenant Bowman was one of the most polite people I ever met. Colonel Savedge was unforgettable as was his dog, Tallulah. He signed my high school yearbook, "Chuck Savedge and Tallulah." And there was Max Corley, '83, who would stop by to talk or smile and wave as he went by.*

Harry Hodges, '53, has some fond recollections: *There were Cuban songs around the piano. And light bulbs hidden under coffee cans to shield the light after hours so we could play cards, or maybe read... My mother was a personal friend of Colonel Roller's which got me in. AMA helped me do well in the Air Force where I was fortunate to finish my career as a PMS&T.*

Hal Walters, '48, recalls something that happened his senior year: *One of the freshmen in 1948 was not concerned about his personal hygiene. His body odor was so bad that several cadets in the Mess Hall asked me how to correct the situation. After repeated warnings, we decided to put him through a black belt line. Between Headquarters Company Barracks and the Shipplett's Dry Cleaning building, 30 of us set up a line and had him crawl through our legs. Half way through, he was crying like a baby, and we stopped the punishment. He truly learned his lesson and thereafter was a model cadet. He probably runs the sanitation department of some big city now!*



Hal Walters,
1948 Recall

Rafael Salazar, '67, wishes he had stayed at AMA longer: *During summer school just before I went to AMA, I met the Infirmary Nurse, a nice French lady*



Augusta memories...

who offered me a job as an assistant when school began. I was given the rank of staff sergeant and missed all drills, parades, and new cadet harassment... I thought this was a great deal until I realized that no cadet respected my rank... I wish now that I had stayed another year and participated in all AMA had to offer.

Bob Buckmaster, '48, recollects: *The great midnight shout of "Skunk in the courtyard" which brought everyone out to scare hell out of the poor varmint who got even by letting go under the Mess Hall... Putting the retreat cannon into the Portal in the middle of the night which took Big Boy lookouts, axle grease and lots of barrack rugs... Cleaning the cosmoline off the new rifles in the Armory... Placing a handkerchief in your barracks window at night if you needed help with your studies... Making raisin wine with raisins, yeast and water stored behind access holes in the barracks room floor. Terrible stuff!*



**Bill Welte,
1938 Recall**

Bill Welte, '38, was on the fencing team: *We didn't have a faculty coach, but had a wonderful cadet named Dmitri Gagarine, '37. He was a White Russian whose family fled to France during the Revolution. He learned fencing in the society in which he lived... I think he might have been high up in the Russian aristocracy though he never said anything. His brother was the fencing coach at VPI (Virginia Tech) and Dmitri took our team to Blacksburg. We also fenced the University of Richmond, but there were no other prep schools with fencing teams, so we only fenced against colleges. Major Roller was so impressed that he declared fencing a major sport in 1938 and we were given AMA monograms during commencement.*

Harry May, '47, was at AMA when lacrosse was introduced: *I played football, basketball and with Joel Adelberg, '48, started the lacrosse program at Augusta. I got my only major letter in lacrosse. Joel and I talked Major Hoover into becoming the coach. Big Boy let me borrow the school jeep and Joe and I went to Baltimore after church one Sunday to purchase lacrosse equipment. The season was short because there was only one other area school with lacrosse: Virginia. We played their JV's twice during the year.*

John Wright, '63, remembers his saddest day at AMA: *I remember when the Big Boy's death was announced to the Corps of Cadets. There was stunned silence, then tears and realization that things at AMA would never be the same. Never again would we see the General in the quadrangle late at night in his long greatcoat. Never again would we see him at our games, at meals, in class... The procession to the Stone Church was unforgettable. We formed up and marched out onto Route 11 where traffic was stopped as we marched to the Stone Church. It was an overcast, rainy day, and someone said that even God was crying.*

Mike Welch, '47, was First Captain his senior year: *I owe my success to Dave Eborn, '43, "The Voice of AMA," who was First Captain in 1943 and my mentor... I remember Major Blackburn, the PMS&T, who was the best story teller I ever met. He rolled his own cigarettes and smoked them in class... The best all around football player was Bobby Bowie, '47, who was from Galax, Virginia... We also had a great boxing team in 1943 where the matches were always packed.*



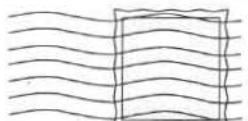
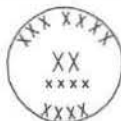
**Mike Welch,
1947 Recall**

Mike Arrington, '76, recalls faculty voices: *Rich Little, we weren't, but we made up comic renditions of some of the faculty, though we'd clam up as soon as the subject neared. "Uh, look, Arrington, you (expletive deleted) aborigine! It's a foil, NOT a (expletive deleted) machete." Paul Hoover, the man, the myth, the math teacher... Doc Savedge spoke with a William F. Buckley Harvard accent. In chemistry class when my partner was working with chlorine gas without having closed the ventilation hood: Favors, you @@@@-!!!, are YOU trrrrrying to KILLLLLLL usssssss ALLLLL?*

Gabriel Lluch, '52, has a baseball story: *The campus was beautiful, surrounded by pastureland and trees. Depending on the season, we would play soccer, basketball, football and baseball. I was a backup infielder for the baseball team... We had a home game and someone hit a homer over the left field fence. The ball kept traveling to become wedged between two electric cables far from the fence. The event became a local sensation with some Virginia newspapers coming to take a picture of the high-flying ball. Of, course, that was before the days of the internet.*



Letters to the Editor



The D-Day Memorial

I visited the D-Day Memorial in Bedford in November and it truly is an inspiring adventure. I look forward to seeing it again when General Eisenhower's statue is in place as well as the P-51. The book shop had a book *Beyond the Beachhead*, which is a story of the 29th Division on and after D-Day. I'm glad that those attending the 2002 reunion will be going there.

Lew Mundin, '53
Richmond, VA

More on the D-Day Memorial

I was glad to see that there are plans to motor coach to the D-Day Memorial during Reunion 2002. As the sole survivor of the two cadets from Bedford who attended AMA in my lifetime (the other was **Frank Scott, '48**), I can attest that it will be worth the trip.

The statuary is superb, the representations outstanding, and it is located on the highest hill in Bedford County with perfect views of the Peaks of Otter in the Blue Ridge.

You will be pleased to know that the guides at the Memorial were there on D-Day! Some Navy, some Army, some Army Air Corps, and each with a story to tell.

Bob Ayres, '50
Bedford, VA

AMA/VMI Scholarships critical

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on September 11, VMI graduates around the globe are contributing in countless ways as our great country tries to recover, to end the possibility of such threats in the future, and to move on.

Endowment support continues to be a critical factor in the successful accomplishment of the VMI mission. The Augusta Military Academy VMI Scholarship Fund is a critical source of assistance for members of the Corps of Cadets. This year, the fund is providing \$2,000 in financial assistance to Timothy E. Erwin, '04, a mechanical engineering major from Camillus, New York. Without your help, Cadet Erwin might not be able to enjoy and benefit from "the VMI experience."

Thank you so much for your generous support.

James L. Adams,
Executive Vice President,
VMI Foundation

U-boats off the Virginia coast

I read with great interest the story in the last *Bayonet* about the Nazi submarines operating off the coast of Virginia during World War II. I have dived on many WW II ship wrecks around Virginia Beach. Some still have army tanks on their decks, just as when they left the Norfolk Naval Base 60 years ago.

Steve Matton, '67
Winter Garden, FL

About Gene Tingle

The last issue of *The Bayonet* had a photo of **Gene Tingle** with **Colonel Livick**. It said that Gene was in the Class of 1966, but I believe he was in the Class of '68. Gene and I were roommates, along with **Wayne Willis**.

Ernie Greene, '66
Montclair, VA

Back in touch

Last October, I made my first pilgrimage to AMA since I graduated 20 years ago. A lot of memories came back, some long forgotten. What a shame the school had to close. We need a place like Augusta to teach lost boys, like me, how to be men of honor and to have a true understanding of what brotherhood, friendship and discipline mean.

Bentley Day, '82
Knoxville, TN

AMA Class Ring

Can you give me the company name and an address where I might buy an AMA class ring? Mine was stolen and I would like to order a new one.

Luis Pedro Aris, '79

by e-mail luispedro@goiasolar.com.br

The company that manufactures the AMA class ring is *Josten's* and their representative is **Jeff Adams**, phone 804/589-2189. E-mail: adamj@jostens.com.

Otto Cuervo

I was very pleased to see **Otto Cuervo's** name in the last *Bayonet*. We graduated together and I never heard from him again. Years ago, while I was in Miami, I found one Otto Cuervo in the phone book, but it was the wrong one... I never thought there would be anyone else in the world with that German name... He told me his father was reading a biography of the great Otto von Bismarck when he was born!

Duncan Wong, '52
Panama City, Panama

Praise for the Alumni Association

I did not attend AMA, but from all I have seen in your *Bayonet*, I wish I could have attended.

I have edited a number of newsletters and magazines in my life (including *Look* magazine and the alumni publication for the University of Minnesota), and I know a good publication when I see one. Your *Bayonet* is a real prize winner!

I can hardly believe that all this comes from an institution that is not there anymore. What a tribute to every alumnus of that proud little school!

Philip Werner
Minneapolis, MN

Letters to the editor are welcomed always. We reserve the right to edit letters for space without altering the message. Send letters to: Bayonet, 142 Silver Pine Lane, Danville, CA 94506. E-mail: AMABayonet@aol.com

Ben Zinkhan, '60, elected to Board

Ben Zinkhan, '60, winner of an AMA Alumni Medal last year, has been elected to the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Ben and his wife, Joyce, have been reliable volunteers at the Alumni House/Museum both before and since it opened. **Garry Granger, '71**, says that Ben is "jack-of-all-trades and the



A ZINKHAN CHRISTMAS - Ben and Joyce entertained some of the mainstays at the Museum at their home. L. to r., Duke Fancher, '58, Chief Chester Cole, Zinkhan, and Sergeant Don Studer.

master of them all. There is nothing too big or too little to capture his enthusiasm."

Museum Chairman **Duke Fancher, '58**, says Zinkhan is "the man who can do everything. We rely on him for so much."

Zinkhan worked for DuPont in Waynesboro for 34½ years where he the responsibility to keep the entire facility heated and lighted. He served two years on active duty with the Army. Zinkhan and his family are active in the Christ United Methodist Church in Staunton.

Daughter Laura has twice earned an AMA Legacy Scholarship. She is studying to be a teacher at Radford University and will be married in July.

A fisherman with an 18 foot boat, he recently sold his hunting lodge in West Virginia.

We are hoping that means he will now spend even more time at his home-away-from-home, the House!

Special thanks to Dave Conrad, '59

There were many and varied needs when the AMA Alumni House/Museum first opened its doors. Paper, copiers, cleaning supplies, toner, pens, paper-clips and staples all were in short supply.



SOLD! - We're sold on Dave and Lynda Conrad, shown, above, running the Silent Auction at an AMA reunion. Thanks, guys, for all you do to help AMA!

Enter **Dave Conrad, '59**, who contributed thousands of dollars in office equipment, cleaning and maintenance supplies and the like to get the place up and running.

Museum Chairman **Duke Fancher, '58**, says, "It was like Christmas in July when we would get a UPS package from Dave." Explaining that the office is upstairs, Fancher says that when a shipment arrived from Dave, "there were always too many boxes for the delivery guy to bring up the steps."

Frank Williamson, '60, Chairman of Reunion 2002, says, "Dave is a doer, not a talker. You tell him what you need and he doesn't expect any big hurrah for doing it."

On top of everything else, Conrad donated the entire Alumni House/Museum office computer system. Then, says Fancher, "he foolishly gave me his Staples account number and credit card for incidentals. Can you believe that?"

If this were not enough, Conrad has

paid for a weekly house cleaner to come in and keep the House looking pristine. He and his wife, Lynda, ran the Silent Auction last year and are running it again this year. He has been on the Reunion Committee for three consecutive years and has been a mainstay reunion volunteer. He'll often come to Fort Defiance and take the House volunteers out to dinner.

He's extremely generous, and we are fortunate indeed to have a friend like Dave Conrad.

Do you live near Aberdeen?

Do you live near Aberdeen, Maryland? You can help AMA and help a good AMA friend.

Our pal, **Francis X. Fields, '48**, has been to several reunions where he has served as our bugler and CW Barracks *bon vivant*. But before he left Reunion 2000, he began to have a problem with his eye.

It ended up being a detached retina and he can no longer drive. But he really wants to come to Reunion 2002 and we want him here.

Can you bring Francis and his bugle to Staunton in May? If so, please give him a call at 410/994-0396, or e-mail him at fieldbunch@aol.com

AMA applies for AAA listing, gets on the map

The AMA Museum has applied to the AAA for a listing in their popular tour books. Museum Chairman **Duke Fancher, '58**, says it likely will be a year before our facilities are inspected and another year before the AMA Museum is listed in the tour books.

But we're "on the map" in the latest Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce booklet. The Augusta County map in the publication shows the AMA Museum in its proper location. We're number seven on the map, by the way.

To register for Reunion 2002 on-line, go to:

AMAREunion2002@cox.net

For general questions about Reunion 2002, go to AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

On 60th anniversary of Doolittle Raid

World War II display to open at museum

Five mannequins in World War II attire are the center feature of a year long World War II display in the AMA Museum which opens 18 April on the 60th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. AMA's **Jack Manch**, '38, son of the AMA German and English professor and AMA Band Director **Major Martin Manch**, was on the Doolittle Raid.

AMA Museum Director **Duke Fancher**, '58, says that, "we have looked for things from the war that relate to AMA alumni. **"Unk" Hamilton's** medals, **Tom Roller's** flight jacket, and a ration book used by **Will Parkins'** family are but a few of the things which have been donated or are on loan from an AMA alumnus or a family member."

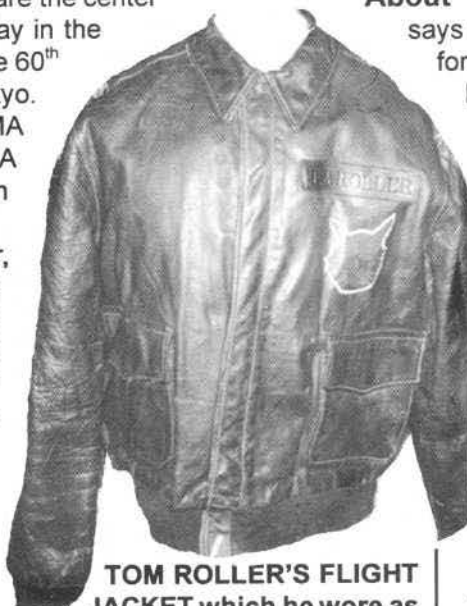
Fancher says that the display will include many photographs, letters, telegrams with bad news from the War Department, helmets, personal items, ID cards, an M-1 and a bayonet.

Banners honoring Augusta's World War II vets will hang on the Alumni House porch.

The display will last through 2002 and possibly until Reunion 2003. "It is a living display," says Fancher, "and as more things come in, it will change from time to time."

A radio from the '40's will play speeches by Roosevelt, Churchill, Eisenhower and MacArthur. The records of the 52 alumni killed in the war will be in a three-ring binder with photos of most of them. There also will be a number of World War II posters on display, and reproductions of some of them will be on sale at the reunion.

"As more AMA friends hear about and see the display, we are hoping that we will have even more things lent and donated," says Fancher.

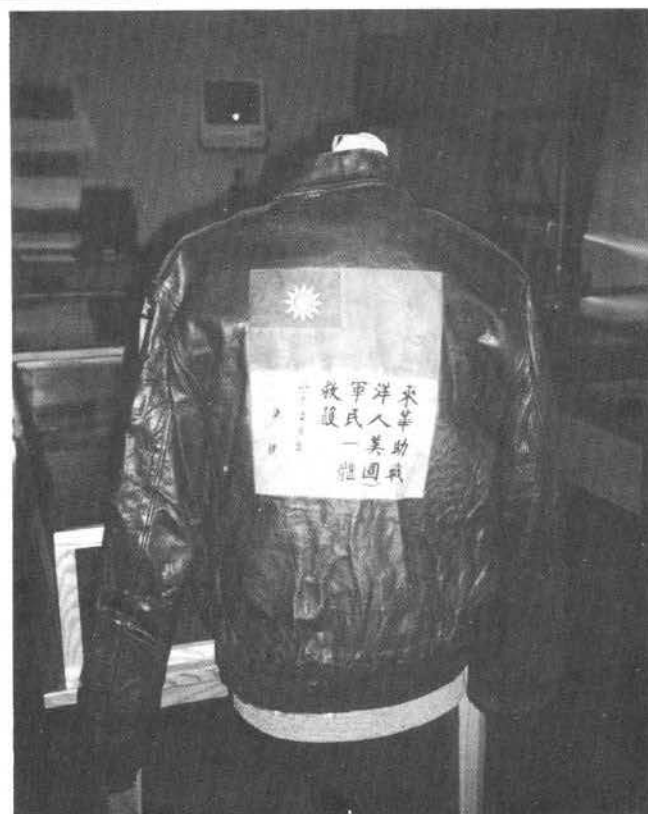


TOM ROLLER'S FLIGHT JACKET which he wore as he "Flew the Hump" over the Himalayas into China, one of the most dangerous assignments of the war. The Chinese characters say that the wearer came to China to help her, and that he should be accorded all courtesies.

About "Flying the Hump" - Tom Roller, '36, says that supplies had to be flown to the Allied forces in western China between Dinjan air base in Assam over the mountains to Kunming, 500 miles of rugged and unforgiving wilderness with Japanese fighters lying in wait to shoot them down. Some 1,000 men and 600 planes were lost in the operation. The C-46s, the workhorse of the transport operation, were overloaded most of the time, and its pilots, flying up to 160 hours a month, were overworked and exhausted. During 1944, three men died for every 1,000 tons of cargo flown into Kunming. (The Flying Tigers were based in Kunming and Tom Roller met a number of them.)

General Albert Wedemeyer said that "Flying the Hump" was the most dangerous and historic achievement of the war. Tom Roller says he's not sure about historic, but he is sure about dangerous. "We had to fly in bad weather much of the time, heavily loaded and easy prey for Japanese aircraft. We were always glad to get back on the ground."

He is the son of **Colonel Tom Roller**, principal at Augusta 1907-46.



The center section of *The Bayonet* is designed to be removed so that you may keep this salute to the heroes of World War II who attended Augusta Military Academy



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BLUE Reunion registration form to make your contribution.

If you like, we will post a sign in the Alumni House/Museum showing that YOU are funding
that day. We'll send you a photo of the sign together with our grateful thanks!

The 60th anniversary of the Manch/Doolittle raid on Tokyo to be noted

The course of World War II was altered in America's favor when U.S. flyers, lifting land-based bombers from a carrier deck far out at sea, delivered a surprise raid on the Japanese capital just four months after Pearl Harbor.

Jack Manch, '38, was co-pilot on Crew Number Three. He was the son of the late **Major Martin Manch**, AMA professor and AMA Band Director. The 60th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid will be on 18 April and that date will be acknowledged with a brief ceremony at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. **All AMA friends and alumni are invited.**

Rosemary Manch Doucette of Montauk, NY, Major Manch's daughter and Jack's sister, plans to attend the ceremony at the House at 11 AM on 18 April. She will cut

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a ribbon opening the new World War II display in the AMA Museum. (see story on page 43) The plan calls for two alumni to hold the ribbon.

The Manch family was totally unaware that Lieutenant Jack Manch had participated in the Doolittle Raid until several weeks after the event. He had parachuted into China as his bomber crashed toward earth and made his way back to American lines with the help of friendly Chinese. He later came home on leave and was greeted as the hero he was by an exuberant **Major Roller** in the Big Room before the entire Corps of Cadets.



MAJOR MARTIN MANCH taught English and German, and was the Band Director, at AMA. He and his family did not know that their son, Jack, '38, had been on the Doolittle mission until weeks later.

Attempt undertaken to prevent the collapse of Big Barracks flag pole

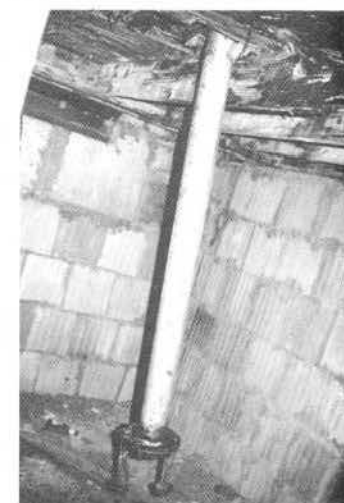
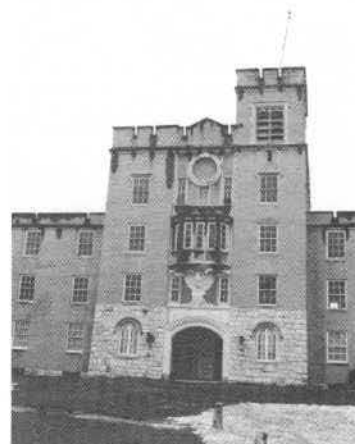
The flag pole had a definite northward tilt and something had to be done. **Norvell West, '84**, to the rescue!

Norvell sent out an e-mail indicating that he and a construction engineer would be at Augusta on the second weekend in February and that he could use some help.

More than 100 people replied to Norvell's plea, but when the day came, only three people showed up to work: **Mark Ferrite, '71**, who drove down from Blacksburg, and **Frank Spencer, '49**, and his son, **Dave, '76**, who came over from Charlottesville.

Nevertheless, West and his engineer climbed the Tower steps to see what could be done. On the way up, they found the ceiling falling in second stoop Tower rooms. The ceiling below the flag tower was in poor condition and the flag pole base hung some six inches above a terra cotta floor. (see photo at right)

They were able to stabilize
(continued on page 55)



**Can you help
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balls, tees, towels, hats, shirts, golf
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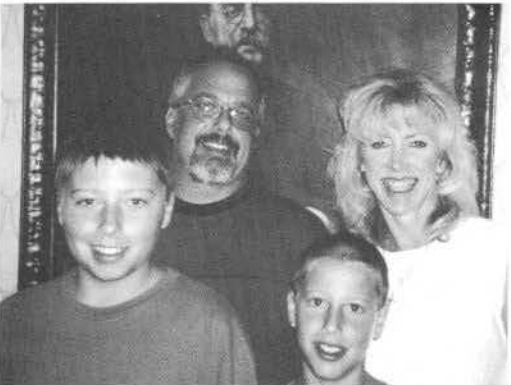
Contact **Mickey Toms, '67**, or **Lewie Kennett, '72**,
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John Calandros, '59, from Bartow, FL, visits the Alumni House with his wife, Melissa, Sue Elkins and Nita Laddthorn.



Major Marcus Anderson and his wife, Beverly. He was SAI at AMA.



Andy Wilks, '75, his wife, Cindy, and sons Steven, 14, and Austin, 11.



Gary Nicholson, '70, and Garry Granger, '71, with a World War II halftrack.

Alumnus was Flying Tiger

For a while, **Baxter McNeer**, '37, belonged to one of the most famous military units in the World.

A small group of volunteer American aviators and their support crew, led by Claire Chennault, supported China in its war against Japan before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Flying outdated P-40's originally intended to go to Great Britain as part of America's lend-lease program, the Flying Tigers made an amazing number of kills on Japanese bombers with very few losses themselves.

Chennault recruited some 100 pilots and 200 mechanics, photographers, parachute riggers, armorers and other ground support crews mainly from two carrier groups stationed at Norfolk. The pay was good for that time: \$600 to \$675 a month for pilots and \$250 a month for ground crews, plus an important perk for the pilots, \$500 for every Japanese plane shot down.

After America entered the war against Japan, many of the Flying Tigers, including McNeer, joined the US 14th Air Force in China which Chennault, now a general officer, had been selected to command. On a bombing raid over Hankow on 21 August 1943, a group of 18 American bombers were met by a force of 72 Japanese Zeros. The bombers shot down 57 of the Japanese fighters and lost just one bomber. That was the lead Liberator where McNeer had been assigned to photograph the operation.

His father wrote, "We were told that the camera hatch was the best place from which to parachute. After the bomber was hit and burst into flames, three chutes were seen coming out of the plane and they were followed down by Zeros... we know nothing of their fate. Soon after, the bomber exploded... All of the crew was carried as 'missing in action' until December of 1945 when they were declared dead."

Mr. McNeer said that his son was about to be given a field commission when he was killed.



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This article first appeared in *Shenandoah Virginia Town & Country* in November of 1983. James "Lefty" Leftwich, '20, wrote the article from his home in La Jolla, CA. Leftwich died in 1992. Thanks to Elliott Ridge, '59, for getting the article to us.



The Turkey's Revenge

JAMES LEFTWICH



Augusta Military Academy and Cadet James Leftwich, c. 1920.

IT hardly seems sixty-three years ago that my father packed me off in a dollar and a half trunk to Augusta Military Academy, via the C & O up to Staunton, Virginia. A bus awaited to take me out to the Academy at Fort Defiance, six miles away just West of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The late General Tom Roller, then Colonel Roller, Commandant, lost no time letting us newcomers know who was boss. The older cadets also lost no time in swatting the first year men in their backs with their fists, while yelling: "Fin-out, mistuh!" to get "rats" to keep their shoulders straight and their arms hanging rigidly at their sides. They also saw to it that we quickly learned to obey their orders without question. How I wished I had behaved better in my first year of high school, back home in the Tidewater section where I hailed from (Newport News). Introduction to what we could expect came quickly. 'Hazing' didn't sit too well. Realization came rapidly that I was outnumbered. Besides which the older cadets were much bigger!

Gradually conviction came to many of us that we would either have to submit to the indignities of a pummeling year, and all sorts of regimentation or devise ingenious ways of circumventing the endless regulations of a military academy.

In no time at all I found myself walking guard duty for infringement of posted, and unposted, rules. As a young shaver toting a heavy U.S. Army rifle around the parade ground, to march-off an hour or two of penance, had no appeal for any of us. It rankled.

An idea burst forth, that might in some manner off-set the galling, even exasperation, of lugging that heavy Army rifle around AMA's playing field/parade ground. The bulletin board at the entrance arch of the barracks needed neatening-up. It was then that the suggestion of doing some fancy art-work, designs, and lettering might be a substitute for guard duty.

'The Cun-nel' was a reasonable, understanding, and cognizant man. He agreed: "Fancy-up the bulletin board as a substitute for guard-duty."

Shortly thereafter, the Colonel remembered the Old Augusta Stone Church. Down the ravine behind the gymnasium and assembly hall, and up the nearby hill stood the ancient church of mid-17th Century (Old Augusta Stone Church), where the Cadet Corps marched for Sunday services. Its roster of pastors on the plaque above the altar was incomplete. Names of the last few preachers were missing. The aged church, more than two centuries old, should be updated. I was commissioned to add the missing names, in lieu of guard duty I had won for continued infraction of rules of the Academy.

"Paint-in the names of the last few ministers," Colonel Roller said, "and we'll skip your guard duty of an hour due today. (The church in more recent years has been beautifully refurbished and rebuilt.)"

Late that October afternoon of 1919, with a tall ladder, a bottle of drawing ink, pencils, brushes and candle and matches, this fugitive from gun-toting guard duty went

down the ravine and up the hill to the old Stone Church through the back door. Set-up was made to paint-in the names of the missing ministers.

While lettering away, atop the ladder with a candle affixed to the side of the ladder under the darkened church interior behind and above the altar, the rear door opened, just beside the foot of the ladder. In walked little Billy Sikes the boy who was working his way through the Academy. He had come to sweep out and straighten-up the church for services the following day.

An irresistible urge to scare hell out of him overtook the letterer, atop the ladder. A long, low and resonant: "WHOOOSE THAT DOWN THEREEE? WHOOOSE THAT DOWN THEREEE?" The eerie sound reverberated frighteningly throughout the deserted, darkened church. Little cadet Sikes spun around and whipped out of the back door as if he had been blasted out of the church by dynamite, before the ghoulish voice died down and stopped vibrating from the rafters.

Later no one could convince young Sikes that it was, indeed, from atop the ladder of the sign painter. He felt certain he had heard the spiritual bellowing from up above.

The guard duty penalties continued to pile-up. The painting opportunity to off-set the guard-duty dwindled. November found us 'confined to quarters' for continued fracturing of regulations. Thanksgiving approached. No leave; no liberty, just 'confinement to grounds'. Thanksgiving was nearing. A huge, handsome fellow-cadet from Norfolk, John Ely, found himself in the same predicament. "Let's have a turkey with all the fixin's right here in the barracks" John tempted. "Impossible," was the only reaction. "All we've got to do," John intriguingly persisted, "is to jump out of our ground floor windows after call to quarters, tonight, walk down to 'The Fort' (which we called the Village store, at the Ft. Defiance station) and right across the way is a turkey farm, with gobblers all over the place. They'd hardly miss one of the birds. Many of the turkeys roost in trees all over the place. It'll be a cinch to grab

one and take it to the 'pie lady' nearby. She'll cook it for us. I've made arrangements." We did.

That was the heaviest bird this writer ever saw, or helped to carry. It took two of us to tote that turkey the half-mile to the farm woman. She frequently sold pies to the cadets. She promised to cook the turkey and make lots of dressing and have it ready for Thanksgiving, for one dollar and twenty-five cents. We were determined to have our own private 'turkey day' despite the 'confinement to grounds.'

Early the following morning both John Ely and the writer were briskly summoned to the Colonel's office. His partly bald head was sweating with rage. He accused the trembling culprits, before him, of having stolen one of Augusta County's prize Turkeys. It had won the Blue Ribbon for 'Best of Its Kind' at the Farm Show the Fall before!

O! Col. Roller emphatically impressed upon his cringing cadets that the incident was such a heinous crime that he was fearful of making a public announcement of it. Furthermore, to keep it quiet he was going to forget the whole thing - except for the fact that we had to pay for the turkey which was twenty dollars. He didn't want to give the school a bad name. Ely coughed up his ten dollars. I did not have any money and arranged with Capt. Yarbrough, the quartermaster, to put the ten dollars on my First Term bill to be sent to my father. He was willing, he promised, to label the \$10.00 for a 'fatigue shirt,' books, and other essential cadet things.

Late December found the writer home for the Holidays. The second day, just before Christmas, my father called me to his office, flourishing the first quarter bill from Augusta Military Academy:

"What's this item, 'Ten Dollars, balance due for one turkey?', he bellowed.

It was a lean and disciplined Christmas that followed. ♥



THE TOWER OF POWER - Hidden beneath the ramparts of this Big Barracks Tower replica is a bottle of Virginia Gentleman. Frank Williamson, '60, finds a way at each reunion to make some money for AMA with his magical tower. Look for him, and have your wallet out! His goal this year: \$2,002!



THE BIG BOY'S SON - Charles S. Roller, III, General Roller's son and the person for whom the Roller Rifles is named, was killed in an automobile accident in 1938. Recently, a plaque, above, was unearthed in front of Big Barracks commemorating Lieutenant Roller's death. He was the father of Linda Roller Livick and an AMA faculty member and coach. The memorial, together with similar ones unearthed around the campus, have been reinstalled in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

The President's Council - 2001

These alumni and friends of Augusta Military Academy each have donated, or have pledged to donate, at least \$1,000 to support our programs in calendar year 2001 which qualifies each for a **current membership** in **THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**. It's time now to sign up for the President's Council for 2002.

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Col. Nicholson, '75, headed for Europe

After seven years at Camp Lejeune and several overseas deployments, **Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75**, is off to Rome for six months at the NATO Defense College followed by a two year assignment to NATO Headquarters in Brussels.

He was selected for promotion to full colonel and will pin on soon after he arrives in Rome.

He'd like to hear from his old friends at: euronick@rome.com

His mailing address: Col. Lawrence Nicholson, USMC, PSC 834, Box 50, FPO, AE, 09625.

Larry's oldest son, Andrew, is a sophomore at The Citadel, his middle son will be a freshman at the University of South Carolina this fall, and his youngest son, Kevin, will attend his sophomore year of high school in Rome.

BORN AGAIN

They took a bite of My Big Apple

America —

Play Ball

Brent A. Riley, '39

Pavers ordered since last May will be installed by Reunion '02

If you have ordered engraved pavers since last year's reunion, your brick should be in place in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum before Reunion 2002.

Some 100 pavers have been ordered since last year, many of them honoring the 52 AMA alumni who were killed in World War II.

Volunteers, led by **Rod Willey, '52**, will install the pavers in the ground. If you want to help with this project, please contact the Alumni House at 540/248-3007.

Paul Nicks, '64, and AMA find each other

Through the magic of the internet, aided adeptly by **Steve Pearson, '72**, **Paul Nicks, '64**, is back in touch with AMA after 37 years.

Paul lives in Spring, TX and retired in 2000 as a pilot for Continental Airlines. He went to Texas A&M after AMA, did a tour in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne, got out of the Army in 1967 and starting flying. He is now in a second career as a police officer.

Welcome home, Paul! You can e-mail him at: PNicks1969@aol.com

VFW asked to help in staffing museum

Steve Trent, '70, has asked Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 632 in Harrisonburg if they might help provide volunteers to help in staffing the Alumni House/Museum.

Trent, a member of a special committee appointed by Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '70**, to assure that the House is staffed six days a week, sent a letter to the Post in early February.

We need AMA items for the Silent Auction during REUNION 2002

Please bring your treasures
to the registration desk!

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Previous scholarships

(from page 23)

David and his team are working on a solar powered house which should be on display in the National Mall in Washington, DC next fall.

Ed's son, Bill, also an AMA Legacy Scholarship winner, has officially declared himself an economics major with an environmental science minor at UVa. He came to Virginia with enough credits to give him sophomore status, and he is now debating whether to spend a semester in England, or stay the full year, possibly graduating early. In the meantime, he's looking for a 2002 summer job!

Laura Zinkhan, daughter of **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, lived in London for three months in a study-abroad program. She will be graduating in May from Radford University with a BS teaching degree with a minor in theater and a 3.8 grade point average. Laura plans to marry her high school sweetheart in July. Congratulations!

Elisabeth Murphy, whose stepdad is **Mark Femrite, '71**, is attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and is changing her major from criminal psychology, possibly to geography. UNC has a program called GIS, the Geographic Information Systems satellite, and that interests Elisabeth.

Allison Arthur, daughter of **John Arthur, '75**, has changed her major from graphics design to political science with a minor in international politics, and hopes some day to work for the United Nations. She is planning to go to law school after finishing her undergraduate work at East Carolina University.

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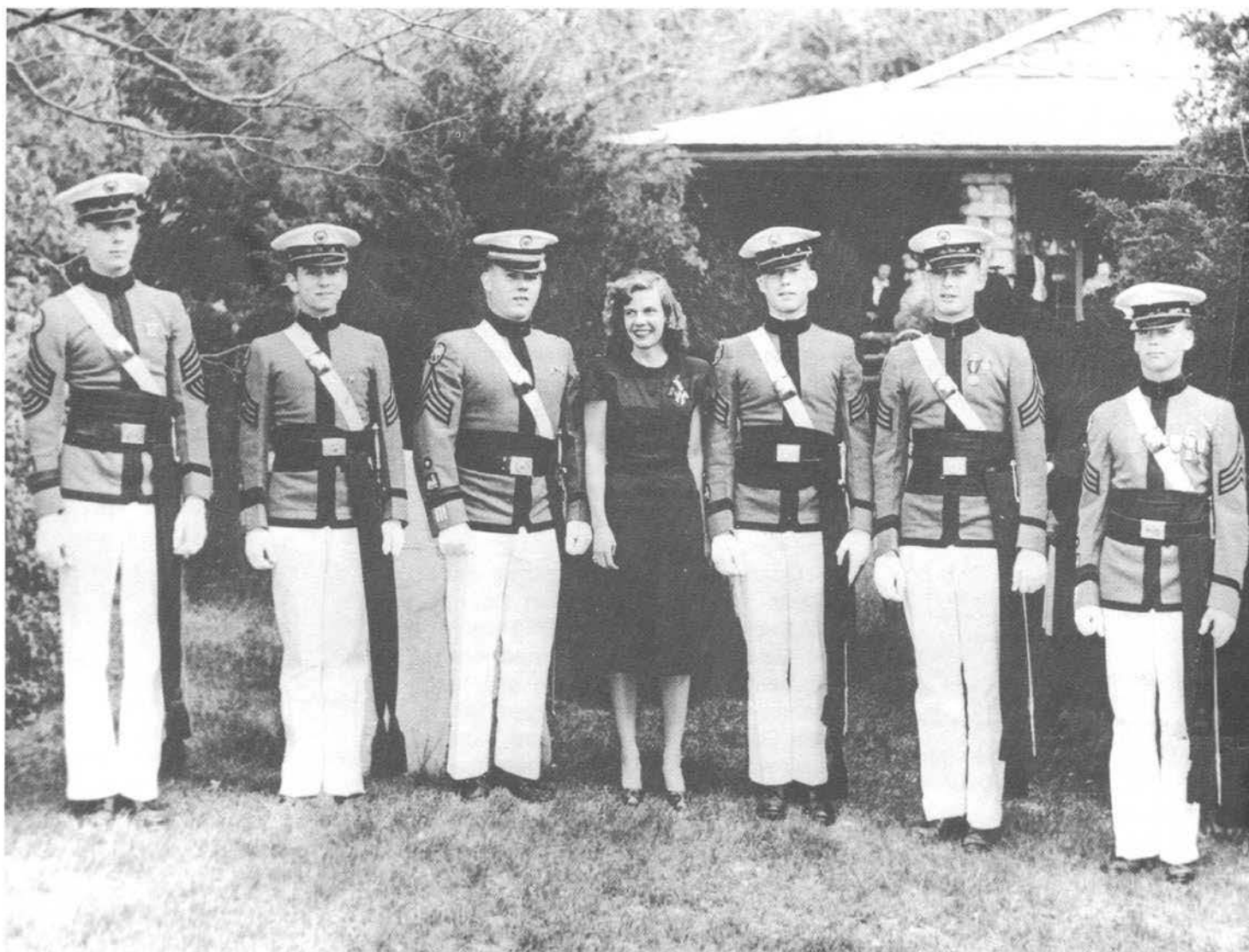
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Cadet captains from 1946-47 pose with the Queen of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester. Pictured are, l. to r., Geoff Layng, Adjutant; Sam Conley, Commander of Company E; First Captain Mike Welch and Commander of Company A; Her Highness; Bobbie Bowie, Commander of Company D; Harry May, Commander of Company B; and Bobby Freshman, Commander of Company C. Missing were J. B. Simmons, Commander of Band Company, and Bill Sumner, Commander of Headquarters Company. Did they have a better offer?

Flag pole from page 45

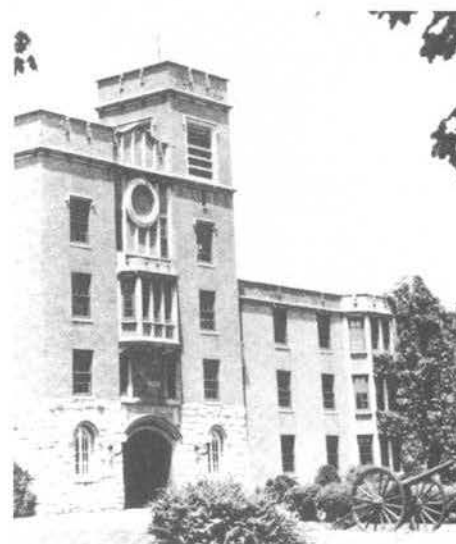
ize the flag pole with a quartet of cargo straps, but West says that they were not able to waterproof the roof as he had hoped. "There is not enough roof left to apply waterproof foam," he says. "Something will need to be done soon to get a roof on the Tower."

Big Barracks and other buildings on the AMA campus are owned by a consortium of Pentecostal Churches. In the past, the owners have said that Big Barracks might be rehabed into two room suites which then would be sold to church members who could use them when attending church func-

tions on the campus, and possibly lease them out when they are not using them. There as been no word of late on what plans the owners have for Big Barracks, the undisputed symbol of Augusta. It is clear that there is major deterioration of the structure with evident water damage in many areas. Alumni officials have asked for a meeting with church officials to discuss the future of Big Barracks and any plans to prevent further decay.

Today, the flag pole still stands atop the Tower and still lists a bit. It stands a little lower than before, a result of the work to shore it up.

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Julian Quarles to honor fellow WW II veterans

Julian Quarles, '35, who won two Silver Stars and led a daring escape from a Nazi POW train during World War II, will honor his fellow AMA WW II veterans at a luncheon in the AMA gymnasium on Saturday 4 May during Reunion 2002.

The luncheon will be part of the reunion weekend which salutes AMA alumni who served in World War II. Special note will be made of the 52 Augusta men who gave their lives in the war.

Quarles, a Staunton native and South Atlantic Prep School Boxing Champion, served in the 36th Division in Europe and was captured near Persano, Italy in 1943. He and his company commander escaped from the German prison train and made their way back to American lines. (see the story in the World War II section)



Julian Quarles, '35

Quarles, who lived for many years in Miami, now lives in Harrisonburg.



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